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The Spectator

"Older than the New York Times"

Faculty discuss future of seminar requirement

by Kara Labs '09
NEWS WRITER

At the faculty meeting on October 10, 2006, there was a motion from the Committee on Academic Policy (CAP) to change the sophomore seminar requirement. The proposal was that each student will be encouraged, but not required, to take at least one course offered by the Sophomore Seminar Program. Right now the classes of 2005 and 2006 are the only two classes that have graduated since this program was instituted. Why has this motion been proposed at the faculty meeting at this time? Sam Pellman, chair of the Committee on Academic Policy and Professor of Music, states that, "We've had two classes graduate now with a sophomore seminar requirement, so it certainly would have been time for a formal review of the program." And because the classes of 2009 and 2010 are a bit larger than previous classes have been, there is more urgency to the review. However, CAP is determined to keep the option of the sophomore seminar and not completely do away with the program. Some suggestions for fixing the sophomore seminar came up at the meeting. One suggestion was to drop the courses that were team-taught or clustered. As of now, there are a variety of ways to teach a sophomore seminar including: interdisciplinary with two professors, team-taught, paired, or with a larger grouping of professors. There also rose the question that the sophomore seminar program could not merely be 'tweaked' in order to provide the sufficient number of courses for the class of 2010.

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Students in the Forever Wild sophomore seminar traveled to New York's Adirondack State Park in September. Faculty are considering making sophomore seminars, one of Hamilton's only curricular requirements, optional.

Library hosts exhibit on the murder of Grace Brown

by Pat Hodgens '09
NEWS WRITER

Burke Library is hosting an exhibit on the murder of Grace Brown. The murder took place in the Adirondacks and was reported by newspapers throughout the country. The library's exhibit, called "The Murder That Will Never Die," will run through December.

In 1905, Chester Gillette, Brown's alleged murderer, met Grace and the two began a somewhat secret relationship. Both were employed at Gillette's uncle's skirt factory in nearby Cortland. In the summer of 1906, Brown discovered she was pregnant. Shortly after, she and Gillette took a trip to the Adirondacks. At Big Moose Lake in Herkimer County, they took out a rented boat. Two days after, Brown's body was discovered.

Herkimer County sheriffs arrested Gillette two days after the body was found, starting a sensational and internationally famous case. It ended with Gillette's execution on March 30, 1908 at Auburn State Prison, but the story lived on. A little under 20 years after the execution, Theodore Dreiser published "An American Tragedy", a best-selling book based on the case. The story was also featured on the big screen in two movies, "An American Tragedy" in 1931 and "A Place in the Sun" in 1951.

"It got widespread attention at the time," explained Couper Librarian Randy Ericson, the head librarian and the exhibit's organizer, adding that the case still receives a lot of attention.

Ward Halverson '92 agreed. This was the very first 'trial of the century,'" said Halverson, comparing this case to other notorious trials.

Halverson is personally linked to the case. His great-grandfather, Herkimer Country District Attorney George Ward, prosecuted it. Ward left Halverson's family with a wealth of historical artifacts from the trial, including Grace Brown's letters to Chester Gillette.

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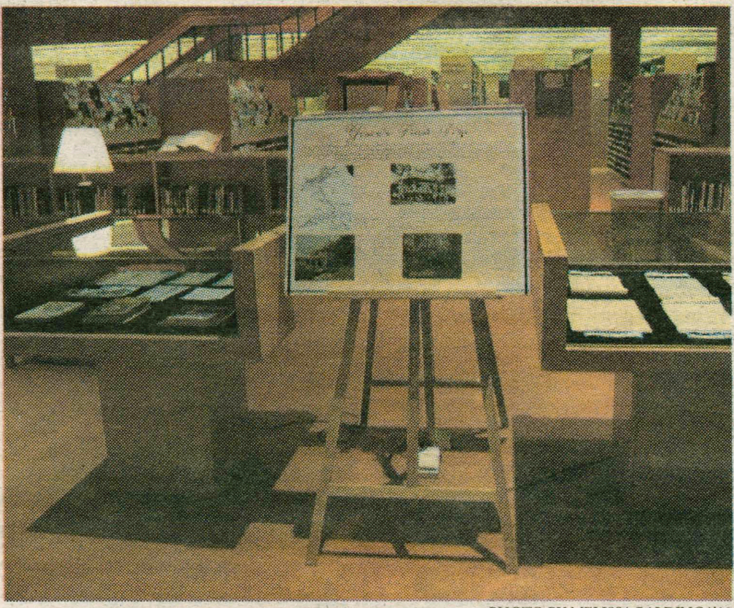

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

The Libary's "Murder That Will Never Die" exhibit.

Pulitzer Prize winner Alan Taylor lectures

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

The Department of History and the Office of the President sponsored the annual Victor "Tory" Johnson III lecture Wednesday given by Alan Taylor, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of *The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers, and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution*. Taylor's lecture focused on Samuel Kirkland, founder of Hamilton-Oneida Academy that later became Hamilton College.

Taylor began by discussing the commonly held belief about biographers and the complexities of Samuel Kirkland, a man who, like many other people, changed over time.

"Biographers are historians who are said to love their subjects too much and who put these cherished subjects up on a

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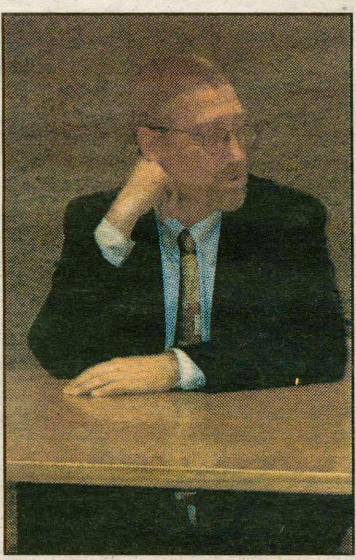

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Alan Taylor.

Roberts discusses study of deaths in Iraq

by Danielle Alfano '09
NEWS WRITER

In the event of war, bodies become mere numbers, and lives are forgotten. In an effort to formulate an accurate number of deaths caused by the 2002 U.S. invasion of Iraq, Les Roberts and his team conducted a Lancet study first in 2004, and then again in 2006, to procure an accurate number of Iraqi civilian casualties since the US invasion. Roberts spoke at Hamilton on October 23, discussing the reaction of the media to both studies, and how these reactions were influenced.

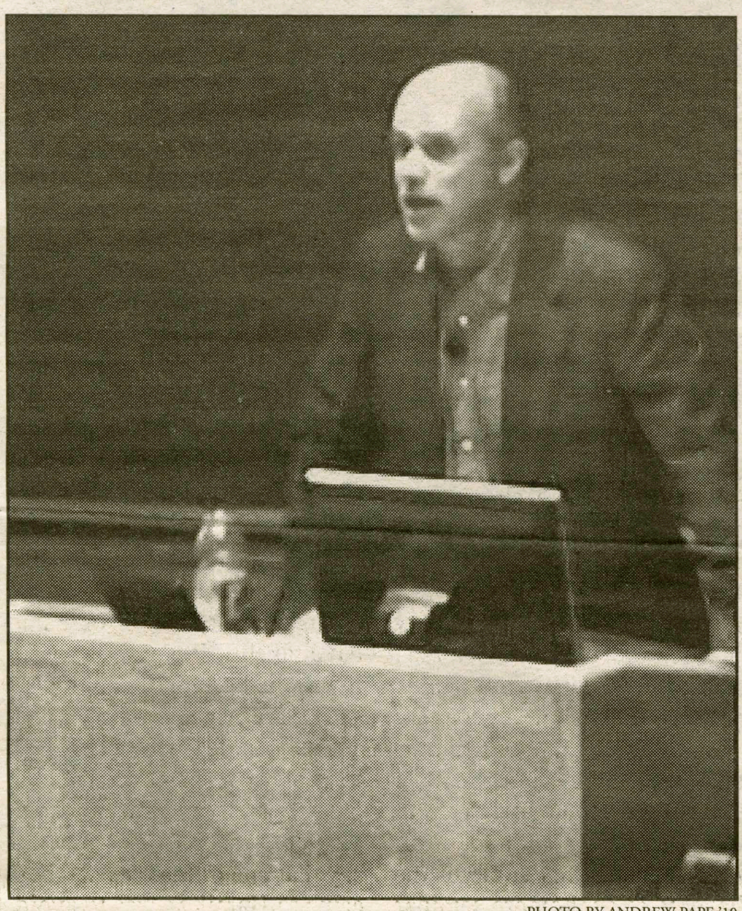


PHOTO BY ANDREW PAPE '10

Les Roberts estimates 650,000 killed in Iraq.

Roberts and his team conducted each study through a "cluster survey" in which 50 clusters, each containing 40 households, were chosen at random from 16 Iraqi Governorates. In order to comply with cultural norms of opposite sex interaction, both male and female doctors were present as the team went from door to door. At each residence the doctors inquired the age and gender of those who lived in the household, and who had been born or who had died since January 1, 2002. Doctors also asked for a death certificate of the mentioned deceased. Through the process of two surveys, Roberts said, the team was able to, "compare every neighborhood to itself, both before and after the invasion." During the first study, 80 percent of families were able to provide a death certificate, while 92 percent complied during the second survey. With such percentages, the estimates found in light of both surveys can certainly be deemed accurate.

After the first survey, which was released in 2004, Roberts and his team found the death rate in Iraq to be 12.3 per 1,000 people, as opposed to the pre-invasion rate of 5 per every 1,000. Consequently, the first survey concluded that, since the U.S. invasion, 100,000 deaths have occurred in Iraq. Although the 2006 survey used the same method as the first, it covered twice as many households and lastly nearly twice as long, thereby creating "four times the statistical power of the 2004 survey." During the two year time gap between surveys, war gradually spread further over the countryside, thus "decreasing the variations between the different provinces of Iraq." This decrease proved positive for statistical analysis. The survey found that the excess death rate increased by four times what it was prior to the invasion.

Through the second study, an estimate of 650,000 deaths was procured. While the majority of violent deaths were previously caused by bombs, nearly 78 percent of violent deaths haven recently been caused by gun fire between adult males. In other words, Roberts said, "Iraqis killing Iraqis."

Press coverage of the survey in 2004 differed greatly between Europe and the United States. While news of the survey appeared on the front page of numerous European papers and featured in-depth analyses, the U.S. media was lacking in their coverage. In the U.S., news of the survey appeared on page A8 of the *Washington Post*, with almost all facts inaccurate. The day after the release of the survey, two spin articles were published crediting the surveyors for their daring methods in Iraq, yet still claiming the actual death toll to be between 8,000- 194,000. Not only was the U.S. coverage lacking, but it was invalidating as well. With people like Fred Kaplan, a journalist for *Slate* magazine, proclaiming the survey, "isn't an estimate...it's a dart board," the public clearly began to receive negative reviews of the results.

With over 200 million pounds of bullets and 50,000 bombs already used in battle, the civilian death toll should not come as such a surprise. Although criticisms of Roberts' survey have been articulated, none have come from those who have performed, "public health surveys as this before." In fact, most critical statements released are laden with inaccurate portrayals of the survey, such as those claiming, "no demographic information," was presented. Unfortunately, Roberts remarked, "I don't think the government has any notion in reality." After the release of the second survey, President Bush still claimed he believed the death toll to be, "30,000 more or less." Still, according to Roberts, the most devastating reality of the ongoing war in Iraq remains that we as a country do not consider, "each death valuable unto itself." While the death toll continues to climb, Roberts finds there is, "no political space in this country to say, 'Iraq, we're really sorry this happened.'"

MESA hosts celebration for end of Ramadan

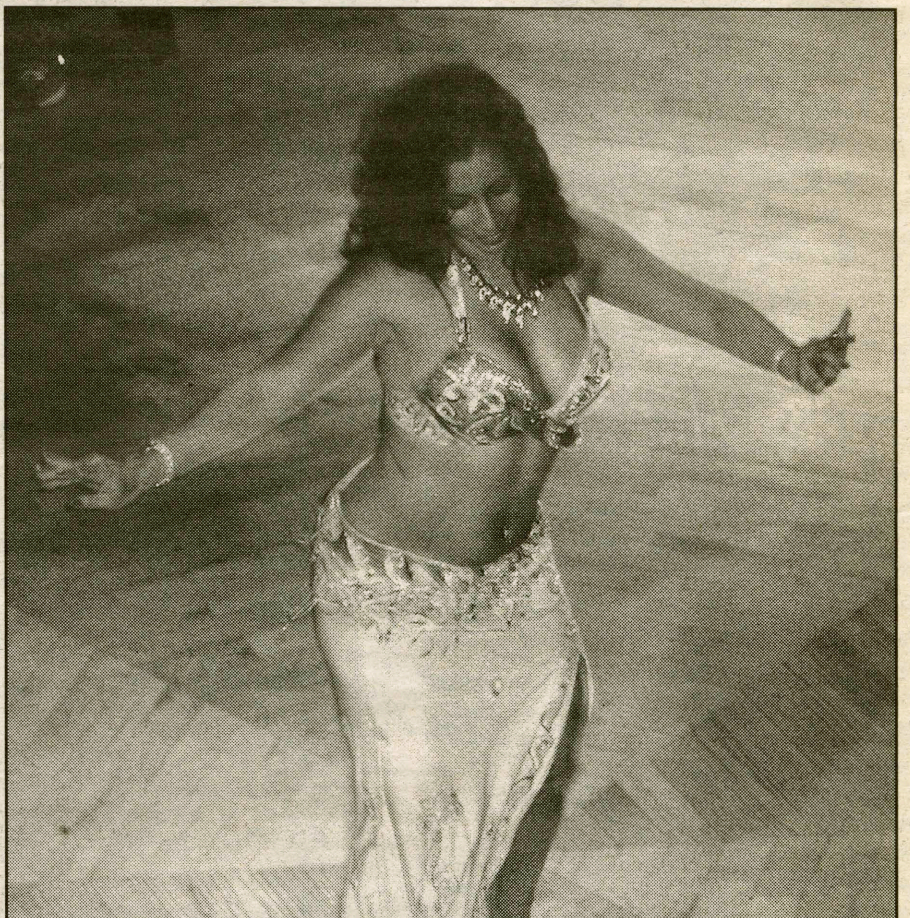
by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

On Tuesday night, October 23, professional belly dancer Shahrazad performed in the Events Barn to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Shahrazad was brought to Hamilton by the Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA), a group of students who strive to increase understanding of Middle Eastern cultures, societies and economies on campus. This special event was also sponsored by The Department of Dance, The Chaplaincy, Office of the Dean of Faculty, and Student Assembly. In addition to the engaging dance performance, The Phoenician Restaurant graciously provided traditional Middle Eastern food like tabbouli, hummus and falafel.

Currently, the governing board of MESA includes Tamim Akiki '08, Derek King '07, and Mariam Ballout '10. Together, with student supporters Zoe Viccaji '07and Greg Esser '07, the association strives to inform Hamilton students of various Middle Eastern aspects outside of the political and military ones studied in class or seen in the news. Inviting a belly dancer to the Hill for the first time was a cultural event that students could both enjoy and learn something from. The date for the event was chosen because many of the Muslim students thought it would be an appropriate way to celebrate Eid El-Fitr, marking the end of the fasting perioid. Not only was the Middle Eastern event a celebration, but according to Akiki, "is important because it further reflects the diversity of the Hamilton campus and it provides another opportunity for interested students to learn something new." Other events organized by MESA include religious panels, Middle Eastern cooking lessons, and small group discussions on economic, political and cultural issues.

Ramadan marks the completion of the holy Quran. Every day for twenty-eight days, approximately ten Muslim students did not eat or drink from sunup to sundown. But, according to Abdelwahab Abdelghany '10, the holiday "is not just about fasting, it is a lot more than that." Many people misunderstand the point of Ramadan, but it involves many aspects, such as being generous by feeding the poor, being patient, not committing any sinful acts, visiting family, and reading the entire Quran by the last night of Ramadan. It is meant to make Muslims realize the many gifts their God has given them, such as being able to eat. If a Muslim does all that is asked during the month of Ramadan, then all their sins since birth will be forgiven. After the holy month, Muslims are expected to continue to act in the same sinless way they did during Ramadan.

The Ramadan event on Tuesday was the first time MESA has officially celebrated the end of the holy month, a holiday very important in Islam. Based on the positive reactions of the audience and success of the events, Akiki is confident that MESA "will probably continue to celebrate diversity and culture by emphasizing dance and other aspects of Middle Eastern societies."



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Taylor lectures on Samuel Kirkland

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pedestal," said Taylor. "Samuel Kirkland is really a man in three acts and I want to speak on those three acts today."

The first act in Kirkland's life was his role in the 1760s and early 1770s as an idealistic young man willing to make sacrifices for Indian rights through his work as a missionary in the Iroquois Six Nations of New York and Upper Canada. The Six Nations was comprised of the Mohawks, the Oneidas, the Onondagas, the Cayugas and the Tuscarora.

His work with the Indians in 1765 was not successful and the Seneca tribe nearly killed him. Indians the furthest west of the colonies were less effected by and more resistant to the country. Kirkland tries a year later with the Oneida tribe.

"He is more successful with the Oneida and is able to preach to the Oneida in their own language," said Taylor. "He persuaded them to develop elements of colonial agriculture, to build frame houses, and to build a two-story tall frame church."

Kirkland's Sabbath services would attract between 200 and 400 natives at a time. He was unique among British settlers in America because he took the time to learn native languages and was always in consultation with Oneidas to assist them with things such as family affairs.

Kirkland gained influence through experiencing Indian hardships first-hand. In the second act of his life everything he had achieved was destroyed by the American Revolution. The Oneida village of Kanonwalohale is one of many that were burned to the ground by the colonists.

"By war's end Kirkland is a different man," said Taylor. "Now a middle-aged man, he concluded that he had very little to show for his suffering in Indian villages."

In the 1780s Kirkland helped to broker treaties that parted Indians from their land. Along with his son, he accumulated land that included what would later become Hamilton College. Kirkland had lost his faith and had become more concerned with material issues.

He had promised, as an idealistic young man, not to take Indian lands, but still devoted most of his time to speculating these same lands. Settling on his new land, Kirkland built a large house in what became the town of Paris.

"From the ashes of the war he created himself a successful career," said Taylor. "He invested some of his money and old energy into founding Hamilton-Oneida Academy."

Kirkland's health declined during this period and in 1792 he lost some of his sight after a branch hit him in the eye. In 1795 he was thrown from his horse and hurt one side of his body. He resigned his position as missionary with the Oneidas in 1797 over accusations that he had been neglecting his work.

The third act of Kirkland's life was marked by his son George's enormous debt of over $250,000 that wiped out much of Kirkland's fortune. Kirkland had co-signed on George's lands and when these lands retailed too slowly, the burden of payment landed on Kirkland himself.

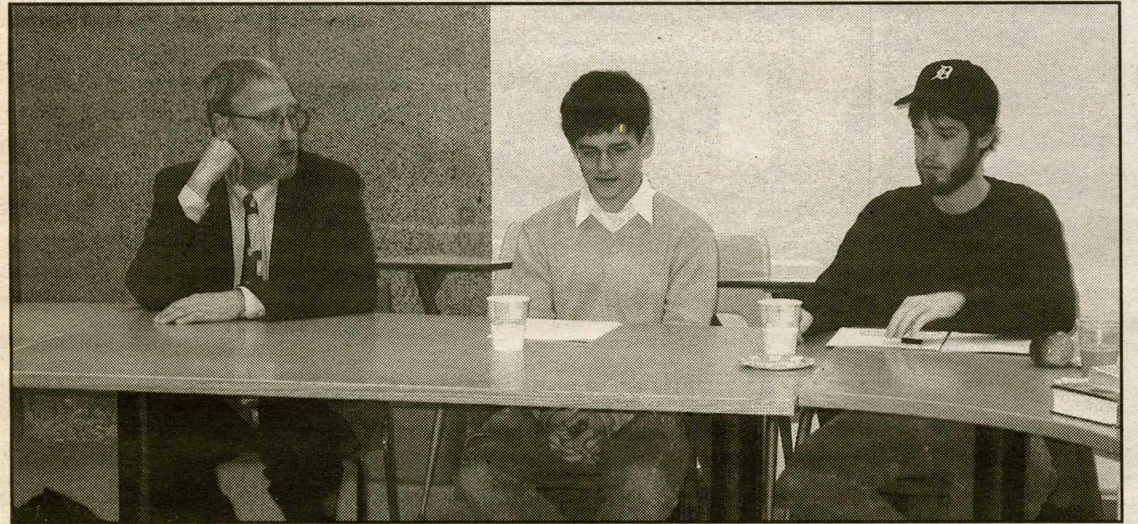
George fled to Connecticut to escape debtors' prison, and died after becoming a soldier of fortune, fighting to overthrow the Spanish in Venezuela. Kirkland was forced to sell almost all of his real estate at a fraction of its estimated value and was only able to keep his house and farm.

"Once again Samuel's life seemed futile, a long sacrifice for nothing," said Taylor. "He renewed his missionary career, his health improved and he started living in Kanonwalohale again in 1800."

His health then declined again and in 1804 a large bug was removed from his ear that had most likely crawled in while he was sleeping. The missionary work did not pay well, but Kirkland felt he became closer to God.

The Oneida tribe clung to him as indispensable and gave him a sense of peace. He died in 1808 at the age of 66.

"Samuel Kirkland had gained and then lost a great estate," said Taylor. "Kirkland ultimately felt a renewed sense of community and affection in the Oneida village that he had not felt outside of his family."



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Taylor met with a history seminar class on Thursday.

Students divided over value of sophomore seminars

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the program, CAP sent out a faculty on-line straw poll and the results showed that the majority of the faculty supports the idea of making the sophomore seminar courses optional. "One of the options that we were considering," states Pellman, "is making it possible to offer these courses as first-year courses, junior-level courses, and even some senior-level courses, in addition to continuing some as sophomore-level courses." Nathaniel Strout, associate professor of English and coordinator for the Sophomore Seminar Program, states that there is a logistical problem with the program now because there are not enough seminars for the amount of students. "The program was designed for about 475 students," Strout comments. The past two incoming classes were each over 475. There is also a philosophical problem, says Strout. Because Hamilton has an open curriculum, should there even be a specific requirement such as the sophomore seminar? The sophomore seminar was put into the curriculum because there was a sense that students spent their first two or three semesters exploring different options before choosing their concentration and committing to it. "The sophomore seminars were intended to provide a place where some of the connections among these general education experiences could be made," states Pellman. "However, we've learned from the Mellon Assessment Project, which evaluated the curriculum through interviews with students for instance, that for many students, their general education continues to be just as important for them through the junior and senior years as well."

What are the benefits and drawbacks of the sophomore seminar? Most members of the faculty share the same opinions about the benefits of the seminar program. Associate Professor of Theatre Craig Latrell, declares that having a small class size makes students have to participate. Another positive aspect of the seminar is the presentation at the end and the process each student goes through to get to that point. However, he says that one of the drawbacks of having the seminars is that a professor is, "giving up a crucial class within the discipline," he or she is a professor in, in order to teach a sophomore seminar, which most of the time is an interdisciplinary or connect across a discipline. Joseph Urgo, dean of the faculty, says that the sophomore seminar program is about, "allocating resources," and because we have the program there are, "certain other things we can't do." But he also states that some of the benefits of sophomore seminar courses are that these are "new courses, topical courses that do not fit in one discipline."

The response from the student body is mixed. In the exit interviews from the classes of 2005 and 2006, "students have described these courses as 'life-changing experiences,'" states Pellman. "Other students have made it abundantly clear that they found their sophomore seminars to be a complete waste of their time." Students have, however, also realized the difficulties faculty members have designing a clustered or team-taught course. The exit interviews have proved to be most helpful to the CAP throughout the process. There have also been mixed responses from students taking seminars at this time. "My sophomore seminar isn't really a 'traditional' sophomore seminar, in the way that is doesn't have a true interdisciplinary aspect, but overall, I feel like it is a bit of a waste of time because the range of sophomore seminars offered does not cover every major offered," says Nicole Dietsche '09. Another student who chose to remain anonymous said that they were, "mad that they had to take it." Nick Berry '09, comments, "the course I am taking is interesting but I probably would not have taken it [unless] I had to; it was the best one I could find. There are aspects of it I like. There is some value in having to write a research paper and present it; it gets you prepared for your thesis." Still students say that one of the reasons they came to Hamilton was to avoid distribution requirements.

At the faculty meeting Dean Urgo stated that CAP could return with specific proposals and present them to the faculty later in the year. However, faculty would need to know some time in advance whether the sophomore seminar will be a requirement or not for the class of 2010.

Next week in News...

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Ray Meier with current ACCESS students and graduates.

New York Sen. Ray Meier visited the ACCESS Project at Hamilton College on Oct. 26 to announce that he has secured another $500,000 through the 2006-07 New York State budget to continue the project. Meier has secured $3 million for the ACCESS Project since its inception in 2000.

The ACCESS Project provides low-income parents with educational opportunities. The program provides an intensive introduction to the liberal arts with social service, career and family support. Full story next week.

"The murder that will never die" features letters

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"The trial was based on those letters," explained Halverson. The letters were the centerpiece of the prosecution's case. The district attorney read them aloud, using them to interrogate Gillette.

"It was like Grace Brown was speaking from the grave… That was the only way to get her view of events into the trial," said Ericson.

The letters were published as the trial was going on, allowing the public to read them almost immediately after the trial's participants could.

With no witnesses, District Attorney Ward prosecuted the trial entirely on circumstantial evidence. According to the autopsy, Brown died as a result of injuries sustained before she entered the water. The prosecution claimed that Gillette struck Brown with a tennis racket, then pushed her in the water.

Gillette declared his innocence though. He claimed that he didn't cause Brown's injuries, arguing that she fell and hit her head on the oar lock before falling into the water. Later, he claimed she was depressed and the death wasn't a murder, but a suicide. He maintained that he attempted to save her, but couldn't.

His testimony didn't come across well to the jury though. "He wasn't a good witness on his own behalf," explained Ericson, citing contradictions in his testimony. Other facts also hurt his case: he claimed to have only tried to save her once, and he never reported the accident.

The letters that were once the centerpiece of the prosecutions case are now the centerpiece of the library's exhibit.

"When I was a senior, I gave them to the College on behalf of the family," Halverson related.

"We gave them to celebrate the history," he continued.

The exhibit contains Grace and Chester's letters, court documents, and other historical artifacts.

"[They're] really a goldmine," said Ericson, adding that one of the reasons the library puts on exhibits like these is to show their unique collections. "We got some unique stuff. Other libraries have other unique things, but they sure don't have these letters."

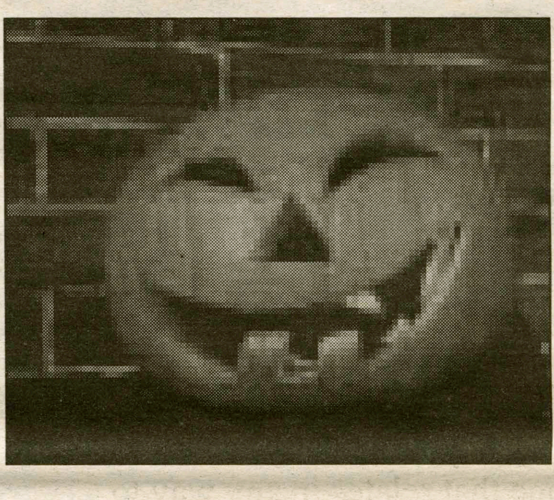
Pumpkin Carving Contest

Monday 10/30/06
Commons Dining Hall

2pm-4pm

1st prize-A portable DVD player
2nd prize-Halloween DVD'S
3rd prize-Bonus Meals

Bon Appetit



Arthur Levitt Jr. attends Levitt poster session

Arthur Levitt Jr., former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), spoke at Hamilton on Friday, October 20. In 1980, Mr. Levitt established Hamilton's Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center in honor of his father, Arthur Levitt Sr. A long-time proponent of corporate accountability and shareholder rights, Mr. Levitt Jr. spoke on the topic, "The Paradox of an Ethical Society: Are Enrons Inevitable?" Prior to the lecture, Mr. Levitt attended a poster session for and spoke with students who pursued independent research with grants from the Levitt center.

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Staff Editorial

People are often surprised about our extremely open curriculum. Most students enjoy this freedom in having the ability to explore many interests and fields of study. The few things every Hamilton student has in common are: we can add numbers to pass our Quantitative Literacy tests, swim four laps in a pool, we've been to the Writing Center for our writing intensive classes and we've taken, or will take, a sophomore seminar. This last requirement currently remains in question for the class of 2010 and beyond.

The majority of the editorial staff has completed, or is currently enrolled in, their sophomore seminar. We agree that the idea behind the requirement is to create an environment in which students are placed in a small class to promote discussion of a topic they might not ever study inside their major, and we understand the value of interdisciplinary studies.

However, we experienced, and are experiencing, some major drawbacks to this particular requirement. It is extremely difficult to get into any sophomore seminar in a given semester, especially one that you actually desire to be enrolled in, or one that relates in any way to your major. We realize that the concept behind the seminars is to get us out of our majors, but when English majors are forced to take the Infinity seminar because there are no spaces left in other classes, is that really benefiting their education? Didn't they already pass out of the Quantitative Literacy test? Also, many students find it much more beneficial to take a seminar that combines their major with another field of study, and therefore they can examine their core interests in a different context.

We obviously came to Hamilton because we value having a choice, and if we had a realistic choice of a sophomore seminar that would further our knowledge in an area we're interested in we would have no problem fulfilling this requirement. However, this is currently not the case.

We would, however, value taking a requirement that bettered our education, such as a seminar we had an interest in or, we would like to offer an alternative: an oral communication requirement. Hamilton places a strong emphasis on writing, and we should be placing a stronger emphasis on speaking well too. We don't see the value in taking a class just to say we've fulfilled a requirement; that's why we're here, and not at a school where we are required to take courses that will not prepare us for our careers and our lives in the future.

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Family Weekend 2006 Schedule of Events

Friday, October 27
4:30 p.m.
FAMILY COLLEGE: Asian Studies – A Model for Interdisciplinary Pedagogy
Science Center G027 (Auditorium)

7 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner.
Eells House

7 p.m.
Samuel Kirkland Film Society Presents *Millions* (rated PG)
Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)

8 p.m.
Choral Concert and Dance Performance
Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts

8 p.m.
Campus Activities Board (CAB) Comedy Presents Juston McKinney and Sara Shea
Annex, Beinecke Student Activities Village

8 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Tufts
Margaret Bundy Scott Field House

10 p.m.
A cappella Concert
Chapel

10 p.m.
Samuel Kirkland Film Society Presents *The Big Lebowski* (rated R)
Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)

Saturday, October 28
8 - 9:30 a.m.
Complimentary Breakfast with the Division of Student Life
Soper Hall of Commons

9:30 a.m.
President's Welcome and State of the College Address
Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing

10:30 a.m. (or 15 minutes after the State of the College)
Career Conference Informational Meetings (attend one of your choice)

Career Information for Parents of Seniors
Kirner-Johnson 144 (Auditorium)

The Competitive Edge: Career-Related Experience (for parents of non-seniors)
Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Hillel Bagel Brunch
Azel Backus House

11 a.m.
Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Oneonta
Love Field

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Clinton Historical Society Open House
1 Fountain Street, Village of Clinton

noon
Women's Volleyball vs. Amherst
Margaret Bundy Scott Field House

1 p.m.
Men's Football vs. Williams
Steuben Field

1 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Geneseo
Love Field

1 - 3 p.m.
Maurice Horowitch Career Center Open House
202 College Hill Road

1 - 3 p.m.
Afro-Latin Cultural Center Open House
204 College Hill Road

1:30 p.m.
Choral Concert and Dance Performance
Wellin Hall, Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts

1:30 p.m.
FAMILY SEMINAR: Preparing for the Health Professions
Dwight Lounge, Bristol Center

1:30 p.m.
Guided Tour of the New Charlean and Wayland Blood Fitness and Dance Center and Little Squash Center
Meet at the entrance to the Fitness Center.

2 p.m.
FAMILY COLLEGE: Hamilton Study Abroad – France, China and Spain
Science Center G027 (Auditorium)

2 p.m.
Mini-bus Tour of the Historic Village of Clinton
Meet at Emerson Hall Registration

3 p.m.
FAMILY COLLEGE: Land Mimes and Blood Lines: Problems in Contemporary Native Art
Emerson Gallery, Christian A. Johnson Hall

3 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Middlebury
Margaret Bundy Scott Field House

3:30 p.m.
FAMILY COLLEGE: The Many Faces of Alexander Hamilton: The Life and Legacy of America's Most Elusive Founding Father
Science Center G027 (Auditorium)

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Faculty and Family Reception
Annex A & B and Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Student Activities Village

5 p.m.
Newman Mass – Worship for the Catholic Community
Chapel

5 & 5:45 p.m.
Adirondack Adventure 2006 Slide Show
Science Center G027 (Auditorium)

8 p.m.
Concert with the Hamilton College Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble
Wellin Hall, Schambach Center

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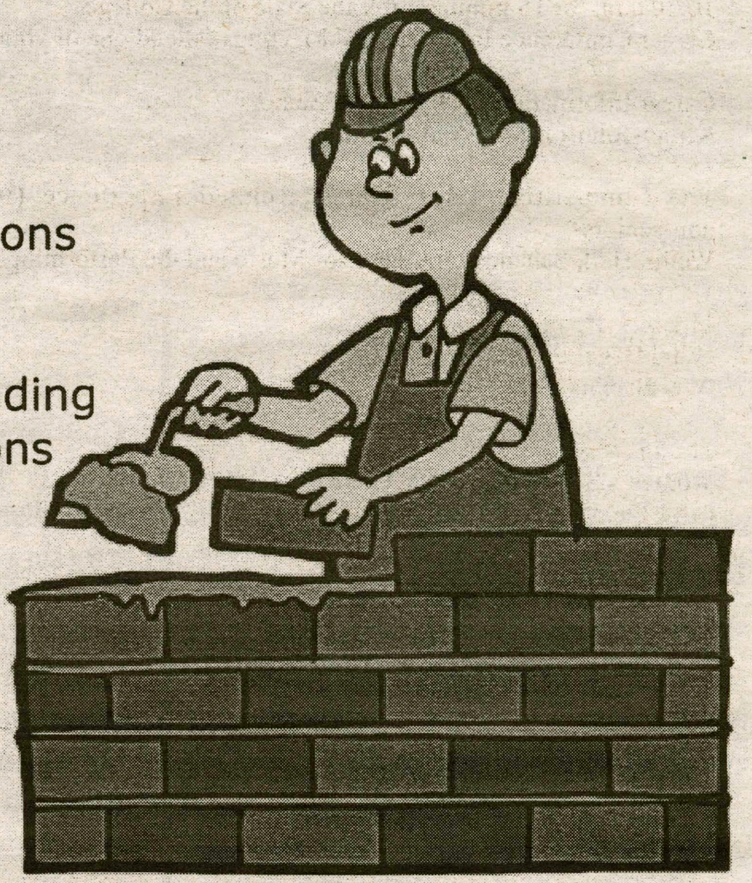


Military Commissions Act goes too far?

by Nick Berry '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Last Tuesday, President Bush signed into law the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA), which expedites the interrogation and prosecution of terror suspects.

Bush called the legislation a "vital tool" in the war against terrorism and, before signing it, remarked, "It is a rare occasion when a president can sign a bill that he knows will save American lives. I have that privilege this morning."

Coming just six weeks after the President acknowledged that the CIA had been secretly interrogating suspected terrorists overseas and pressed Congress to quickly give authority to try them in military commissions, this piece of legislation has now formally put Bush's plan for the treatment of terror suspects into law.

President Bush needed this legislative victory because the Supreme Court ruled that the administration's plan for trying detainees in military tribunals violated U.S. and international law.

President Bush said he signed the MCA in memory of the victims of the 9/11 attacks: "With the bill I'm about to sign, the men our intelligence officials believe orchestrated the murder of nearly 3,000 innocent people will face justice. Those who kill the innocent will be held to account."

Among those terror suspects Bush hopes to try are Khalid Sheikh Muhammed, the accused mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, and Abu Zubaydah, who was believed to be a link between Osama bin Laden and many al-Qaida cells.

He also plans to bring charges against 14 others who have recently been transferred to military prison from CIA custody.

The military currently plans to prosecute 10 of the 450 Guantanamo Bay prisoners.

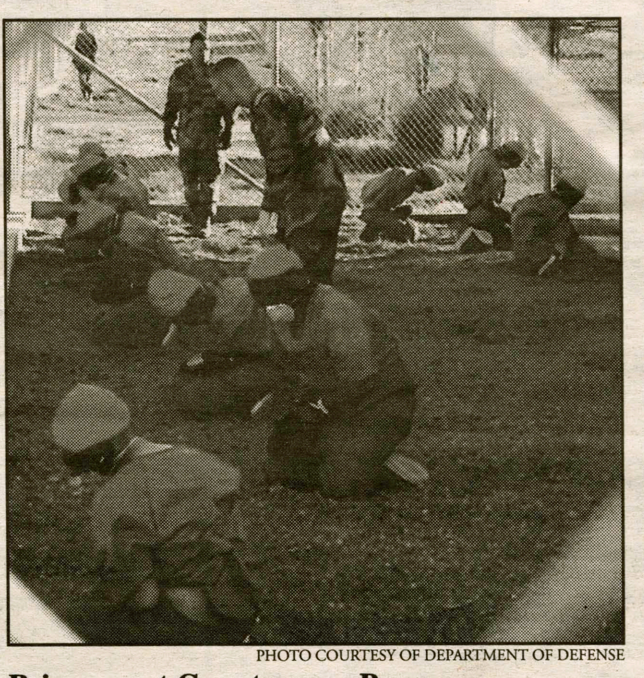
There are no plans to prosecute the remaining 14,000 prisoners in military custody, who must await the decision of a military review board before they can be released.

The MCA states that the military can detain any foreigner it believes is an "unlawful enemy combatant," which is defined as anyone "who has engaged in hostilities or who has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the U.S. and its co-belligerents."

In other words, this law is aimed at terrorists and people who finance terrorists.

The military can detain these individuals indefinitely if it believes they are a threat to U.S. citizens. The military court could not prosecute U.S. citizens or foreign soldiers fighting on behalf of a sovereign state. The military gets to decide whom it prosecutes and is not required to bring charges against every prisoner.

The law prevents the use of any interrogation that amounted to a war crime, such as torture, cruel or inhuman treatment, murder, mutilation or maiming, serious bodily injury, sexual abuse, taking hostages, rape and biological experiments.



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Prisoners at Guantanamo Bay.

But, it specifically bars detainees from filing habeas corpus petitions challenging their detentions or protesting their treatment in federal courts.

Furthermore, the law gives the President the ability to "interpret the meaning and application" of Geneva Convention standards applied to less severe interrogation procedures, which is intended to allow him to authorize methods that might otherwise be seen as illegal by international courts

During a military trial, each defendant must be assigned a military defense counsel (civilian counsel can only be used if they have access to classified information).

Statements obtained by torture would not be admissible as evidence, but statements obtained by methods that violate a 2005 ban on "cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment" would be admissible if they were used before the ban took place and a judge ruled they were reliable.

The law also states that hearsay, which is generally banned in U.S. courts, could be used as evidence.

A defendant would be allowed to examine and respond to any evidence given to a jury.

If classified evidence was needed for prosecution, an unclassified summary would be provided. If no unclassified substitute was available, then the government could decide to drop the charges.

Under the laws of war, however, the President would not be required to release these detainees. If defendants are found guilty, the military court determines their punishment, which includes the death penalty.

Many Democrats have opposed the legislation because they said it eliminated rights of defendants considered fundamental to American values, such as a person's ability to go to court to protest their detention and the use of coerced testimony as evidence.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said the law is "one of the worst civil liberties measures ever enacted in American history."

ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero remarked, "The President can now, with the approval of Congress, indefinitely hold people without charge, take away protections against horrific abuse, put people on trial based on hearsay evidence, authorize trials that can sentence people to death based on testimony literally beaten out witnesses, and slam shut the courthouse door to habeas petitions.

Nothing could be further from the American values we hold in our hearts than the Military Commissions Act."

Thumbs up

- New Jersey amends its constitution to allow same sex marriage. Now the gay community can get married in beautiful, sunny Massachusetts…or New Jersey.

- Family weekend: Your younger sister said she was dressed up as "of age" for Halloween.

- That belly dancer assures us that her hips don't lie…and neither do the erections in the audience.

- Your mom sits in on my ass…I mean, class.

- Study shows that there is a link between excessive cell phone usage and low sperm count… this doesn't bode well for the survival of *Kuhn and Cumpany*.

Thumbs down

- Not realizing till now that you don't have the pectoral protuberance necessary to pull off that skanky Roman Legionnaire costume for which you spent $30.

- Continued stingray attacks: feeling empowered by their recent accomplishments, they now advance to perfecting their aerial attacks.

- Taco Bell's promotion is useless since no one hit a home run in World Series game 3: America hasn't felt so taco teased since Sharon Stone in *Basic Instinct*.

- You're so vain. I bet you think this joke is about you. Don't you? Don't you?

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07

Who cares

- Nosfera*too* lame for me to care. Silent films are about as exciting as movies without violence and nudity…and violent and naked sounds.

- The Fitness Center threatens to switch to swipe cards…and yet we need prehistoric keys to open doors…Let's prioritize.

- Wow, you have birthday flyers…now everyone will think it is your birthday for the next 3 months.

- Let's put two professors who know nothing about a subject in a room with a bunch of kids looking for an easy A. We will call it "the worst idea ever." No, that sounds bad. Let's call is "Sophomore Seminar."

UPDATE!
DECISION 2006 POLL NUMBERS:

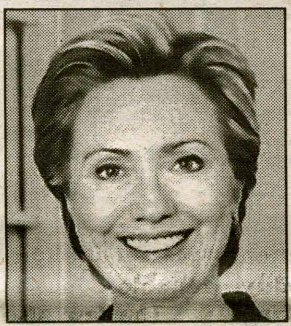
compiled by Benjamin Noble '08 & Eric Kuhn '09
Insights & Ideas Editors
compiled by Pat Hodgens '09
Assistant Editor

New York State Races!

Sources:
[A]realclearpolitics.com most recent polls available
[B]constituentdynamics.com 10/8-10/10

Senate
John Spencer (R): 30
Hillary Clinton* (D): 65

OCTOBER 19, 2006 - QUINNIPIAC POLL OF LIKELY VOTERS



Governor
John Faso (R): 22
Eliot Spitzer (D): 71

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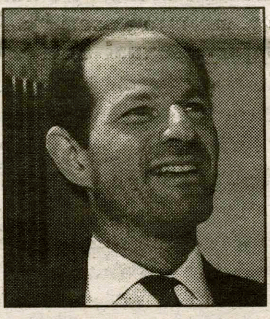

Attorney General
Jeanine Pirro (R): 34
Andrew Cuomo (D): 55

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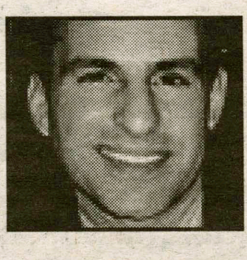
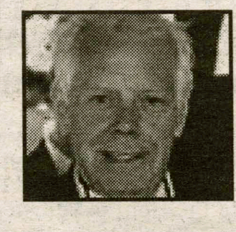
[B]CONGRESSIONAL RACES:

NY - 24 District
(including Clinton)
Ray Meier (R): 43
Michael Arcuri (D): 52



NY - 26 District
Tom Reynolds* (R): 39
Jack Davis (D): 56



NY - 3 District
Peter King* (R): 47
Dave Mejias (D): 45

[B]CONGRESSIONAL RACES:

CT - 4
Christopher Shays* (R): 49
Diane Farrell (D): 42

IL - 6
Peter Roskam (R): 47
Tammy Duckworth (D): 46

FL - 16
Mark Foley* (R): 43
Tim Mahoney (D): 50

NOTE: Foley has resigned but his name will be on the ballot. Votes will count for the new Republican nominee, Joe Negron.

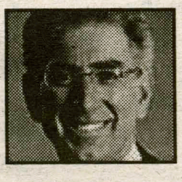
VA - 10
Frank Wolf* (R): 47
Judy Feder (D): 42

CA - 4
John Doolittle* (R): 52
Charles Brown (D): 44

NJ - 7
Mike Ferguson* (R): 49
Linda Stender (D): 46

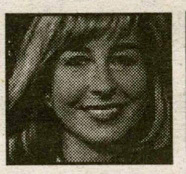
[A]Gubernatorial Races:

California
Arnold Schwarzenegger* (R): 49
Phil Angelides (D): 35
Undecided: 12

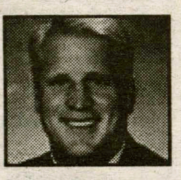


Illinois
Judy Baar Topinka (R): 33
Rod Blagojevich* (D): 44
Undecided: 12.7

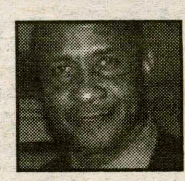
Massachusetts
Kerry Healey (R): 28.7
Deval Patrick (D): 54
Undecided: 7



Iowa
Jim Nussle (R): 42.7
Chet Culver (D): 48
Undecided: 7.7



Pennsylvania
Lynn Swann (R): 37.3
Ed Rendell (D): 56
Undecided: 6.8



Letters to the Editors

Two weeks ago, two articles appeared in campus publications that need revisiting: in *The Spectator*, Eileen Starrett contributed an Op Ed entitled "What is a Fan," in which she urges support for our sports teams; in *The Continental* Amanda Pooler and Jenny Brown wrote an article detailing the Greek situation on our campus, entitled "Greek 101."

Starrett hits on the issue of conduct but doesn't go nearly deep enough. She chides the student body for not supporting our teams. What Starrett is getting at here is respect: if we respected ourselves and our players, we would attend sporting events and represent our school well. Starrett is right. But we must take her point even further: this respect must extend in all directions. If we respect our sports teams, then our teams must respect us. When members of the football team vandalize school or student property and intimidate other people, they are violating that code of conduct.

Athletics is closely tied to Greek life on our campus. Pooler and Brown discuss the perceived campus bias against DU. Several DU members are quoted in the article. Greg Jaske, a member of the fraternity (and former football player), laments: "I'd rather DU individuals be judged person by person, than as a group." Wishful thinking: because most of the vandalism attributed to DU has occurred when they've acted together, it would be an awful double standard to separate the individual from the group. In Milbank last year, as chants of "WE ARE DU" reverberated through the dorm, it would have been dishonest to consider garbage being thrown out of a third-story window anything other than a group act. When fire alarms are ripped off the walls and doors are smashed by DU members singing DU chants, these are group acts and the perpetrators can be identified only as part of a mob, not as individuals. In fact, in February of 2006, a petition which garnered over seventy signatures circulated the Milbank residence hall protesting exactly this violence and destruction; "We, the undersigned, write this petition to confirm that we are outraged and offended by the actions of members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity in Milbank," the document begins. These acts of egregious group vandalism and ritualized violence have become a part of the culture of DU on our campus. To write them off as the whims of a few wayward individuals, unrepresentative of any larger group, is to ignore the very heart of the problem.

Furthermore, by volunteering to join a group—i.e. by self-identifying—one partially forfeits the right to be judged as an individual apart from one's group, especially when the things for which one is being judged are group acts.

So while it is true that not all football players are in DU, and not all DU members are vandals, each football player represents his team and each DU brother represents his fraternity. I know a way to kill two birds with one stone: as Eileen Starrett reminds us, "we are all accountable for the reputation of the Hamilton community." Students might respect some of our sports teams if they respected us; DU members might not suffer discrimination if they were aggressive in changing the culture of their fraternity, and stopped trying to merely distance themselves from such a culture.

- Ross Ufberg '07

Hamiltoons,

You may or may not have heard about my project, the Gilded Bicycle Guild, a communal bicycle system here at Hamilton. If you haven't already heard about it, here it is: I bought twenty used bicycles with funding from Student Assembly, fixed them up with the help of the Bike Co-op and painted them an illustrious gold with more help from students like you. They are, it suffices to say, totally sweet. This weekend, the Gilded Bicycle Guild will be releasing the bikes for all of you to use, that is, students, faculty, staff, administration, and well, anybody connected to our little college. Before we put them out, there are a few things that you should know.

First of all, enjoy the bikes and use them all you can; that is why they are there and it will warm my little heart to see them ridden all around campus. If you are in the library and late for class, hop on one and book on over to KJ in two minutes flat. Wicked.

Secondly, respect the bikes. I worked very hard to get these bikes and fix them up for you and there are a many other people who took time out of their own busy lives to make this project work. If you see a bike lying helplessly wounded on the side of Martin's Way, pick it up, lend a hand and shoot me an email (alafiand) so we can come and pick it up to give it the attention it needs. While some of us may enjoy roughhousing, especially with things that are not ours, please don't bust up our babies. They are actually the property of Hamilton College so if you trash these bikes, you're trashing our campus and as Jon Favreau said in Swingers, "that's not cool man." Here's an analogy; someone finds all the copies of your paper about Socialism in Eastern Europe on your computer and deletes five pages in the middle. Think about the people who helped to get the bikes here and respect the work they did.

Number three is Safety First. Most of you know how to ride bikes and I am proud of you. If you don't know how, email me and I will teach you. Really. Regardless of skill, there is still a certain level of decorum necessary to respect the people who are walking, and this goes for all bike riders, not just users of the Guild. Using the bikes will give you the power to move around campus much faster, but we mustn't forget the words spoken by Peter Parker, "With great power comes great responsibility. Who am I? I'm Spiderman." Now, you won't be Spiderman if you ride the bikes; believe me, you just won't. However, if you are riding between classes and there are tons of people on the paths, use less traveled paths and roads, keeping the cars in mind, and avoid whizzing by some people without giving them notice. If you do need to pass people, slow down and shout "Hey-O! Coming through!" I have spoken with many people who are downright scared for their lives when someone passes them on a bike and I want to make them feel safer.

Fourthly, if you want a bike to keep for yourself, don't take one of ours. Email me and I can get you one for only a couple of bills. I got all of the bikes for forty bucks a pop from Welch's Bicycle & Ski shop in Utica. Their number is 315-724-4728 and both Howard and Marty Welch are very helpful. They have every kind of used bicycle a college kid could ever want and at a minimal fee.

Finally, this system relies on all of us treating the bikes as our own, while letting everyone else use them. Leave the bikes on the main campus; if a bike is crashed in the bushes by Bundy, somebody who might need that bike up the Hill won't be able to use it.

So that's that. I've rambled on for too long and I really do have faith that you will treat these puppies nicely. Ride them for fun, to get to class or to show off to your friends, that, yes, you can do a wheelie. I will end with the words of H.G. Wells, a super author and avid supporter of community: "When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race."

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FOSSIL FUEL SOLUTION: BURN IT UP

by Alex Seserman '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

I think everyone in America should buy an SUV. I think every car in America should only get about 8 miles to the gallon… highway. Cars should be used for everything from driving down the Hill to explore the local bar selection, to getting the mail from the front of the driveway. In fact we should let our cars run all the time. As long as we have fossil fuel, we're going to be dependent on it. We all want to move on to renewable sources of energy, why not speed that process along by getting rid of all the non-renewable ones?

The faster we burn through fossil fuels the quicker we will find an alternative energy source. When the Brits ran out of wood they found coal; this helped spur the Industrial Revolution. Whenever society is in need the scientists are here to save us. Science will forever save us from ourselves destructive ways. This is the way it has always been, this is the way it will always be.

I don't understand why some people think that having a big car is a compensation for the lack of something. Having a big is having a big car: it is for safety, both for us and the environment. The bigger the car, the heavier the car, the more gas it needs, the better for humanity. It a simple equation, any logician will attest to the soundness of the argument. So I challenge you, go big; if your neighbor gets a Hummer, get a cement truck.

I think that we should keep our windows open all winter long and turn up the heat. I just feel so stuffed up in the winter with no fresh air coming in, so now I will have what I want and be helping the environment at the same time, how awesome is that? Natural gas: another fossil fuel that needs replacing. Sure the bill might be a little expensive, but tell your parents it is for the environment. They'll understand.

I live on the Dark Side and those roofs aren't really conducive to well lit rooms, so I have this idea of going to Target and buying a bunch of lamps. I think ten lamps spread around my room that should do the trick. Most of our energy comes from coal, a fossil fuel, something that needs burning up. When the college tells me about how much electricity I am using I'll simply respond, "It's for the environment."

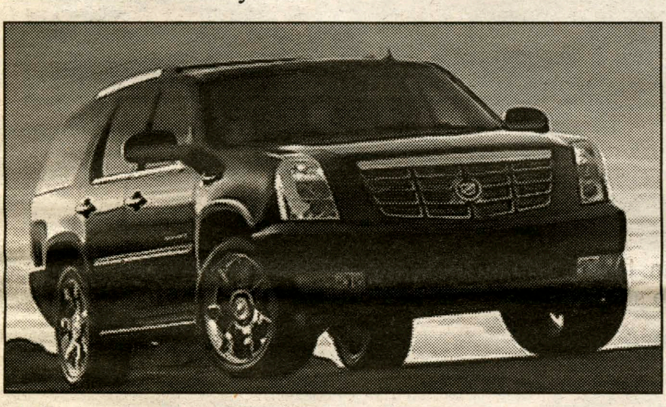
Also that whole recycling thing, what is up with that? Plastic's a by-product of crude oil. Burn it up I say. I am no basketball player and when shooting for a garbage can, the big one is my natural choice, and so much better for the environment.

Some silly environmentalists (read: terrorists) might worry about that hole in the sky, but you know something Upstate NY needs some global heating. Besides, it's nothing science can't fix. If we are in need those guys up on the Hill, Capital Hill will pump some money into some foreign scientist's research and they'll fix Mother Earth up better then before. Burn it up I say.

If there is something that history has proven is that human ingenuity and our ability to adapt has sustained us, and has put us where we are today, on top of the food chain. We should produce more, and eat more. We should produce enough food to feed the world. We should pump our crops full of fertilizer so that we can feed the word. You know what else? Fertilizer is a fossil fuel by-product, from either natural gas or coal. That's right saving humanity and the environment with one fell swoop. Burn it up!

The ability to drive the world into a new age of no fossil fuel is in your hands. I have suggested what should be done, and it is now time to burn it up. Do not worry, this idea is not mine alone, it came from some artists that visited campus last semester, sadly I cannot find any information about their efforts. Let us do this, let Hamilton by the city on the hill that is a shining example to the rest of the world. Burn it up!

Next time you think about turning the light off in the room you are leaving think about this: If I turn this light off I will be saving energy and prolonging the world's dependence on fossil fuels. But, if I leave it on, I will help deplete the world's supply of fossil fuels and help scientists develop new forms of energy. The answer to that predicament is as simple as: Burn it up!



A Gas-guzzling SUV.

Ray Meier on WHCL Radio

Monday, October 30 at 7:30 AM

To T.V., or not to be

by Emily Poe '10
Copy Editor

The good news: nearly 63.4 million votes were cast in the last election. The bad news: by election, I'm referring to the 2006 American Idol finale. In fact, this reality TV show poll raked in more votes than any U.S. president has to date. Disturbing, right?

It gives a whole new and unfortunate meaning to the phrase "Rock the Vote." So, the question becomes, why are we a society filled with citizens who are more concerned with the election of the next material girl than with the election of the next commander-in-chief?

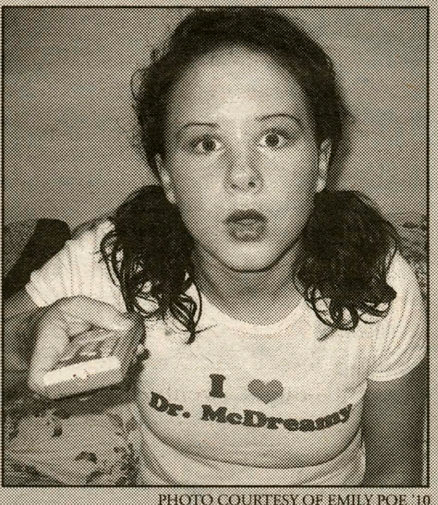
No, it's not because of Ryan Seacrest, though it is hard to resist his erudite charm and honey-blonde locks. The truth is, our American, 21st century culture is consumed by television, TV, the tube; no matter what you call it, we watch it. Heck, we Americans have consumed more television than we have Big Macs.

Recently, this age old addiction has even evolved into, well, a way of life. It's not about who you are any more; it's about what you watch. Try starting a conversation about Austen or Hemingway at the lunch table, and you will usually find yourself silenced by chatter concerning *Project Runway*'s latest cast-off or House's newest patient.

Television watching has even become a social gathering force. More and more people are now congregating in front of the television with friends and food to watch their favorite shows. Forget about book clubs- now we've got television parties! I mean, why read books when you can instead listen to the *Gilmore Girls* talking a mile a minute about them at your latest TV get together.

Or, you and the guys could connect over your weekly Sunday night football game and a bowl of Tostitos; watching big men getting paid big bucks to ram into each other– count me in and pass the salsa!

Another indication of TV's expanding popularity is the cutesy abbreviation of TV show names such as "Grey's" for *Grey's Anatomy* and "Laguna" for *Laguna Beach*. As if saying the second word is really that difficult. Many avid fans are even using TV -inspired clothing, such as t-shirts adorned with phrases like "I am one of the others," and "You're Fired," to express their program alliances.



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Emily?

Unfortunately, I myself am not immune to this television mania. I've even had the occasional *Grey's Anatomy* dream. I know; it's embarrassing. Luckily though, I have accepted the harsh reality. I'm not Meredith Grey. I'm not a surgeon. And, the only time I'll have the option of picking McSteamy is at the McDonald's take-out window.

For some of us though, reality never really sets in. Facebook and Myspace profiles of television characters are prevalent throughout the web.

And because I'm pretty sure television characters don't have access to wi-fi in make-believe land, I'm assuming that overzealous fans are the creators of these blogs.

So, how far is too far? Watching a few of your favorite TV shows a week: understandable. Spending all your waking hours watching re-runs of the *Simple Life*: excessive and you could lose a few brain cells in the process.

Watching an extra episode of Heroes so that you can put off your Latin homework: normal. Confronting strangers with a tiny flashlight while humming the theme song to *CSI*: grounds for a psych consult.

The problem with television today is not what's on TV, but rather the way some viewers are approaching it. I think people need to separate fact from fiction and look at TV purely as entertainment. I also think viewers should try to limit their viewing time to a few hours a week.

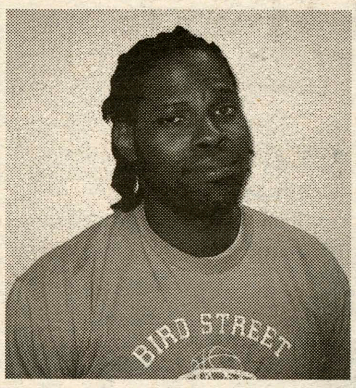
Just think about it; every minute you're spending in the world of TV is a minute you're not spending in the world around you. To TV or not to be; I say to be.

Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:

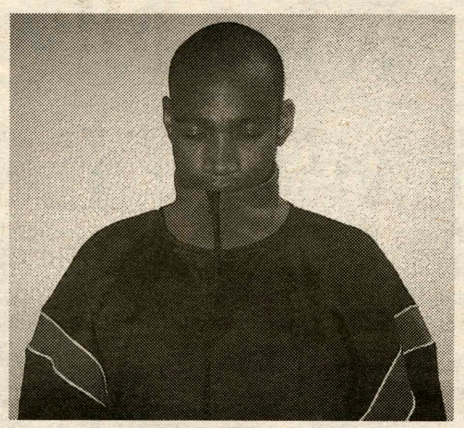
What did you think of The Continental?

by Nonny Chizea '08 & Kazarae Lowe '10



"I thought *The Continental* was an interesting and fun read. It makes a better doorstopper than a source of insight though."

~Fred Bernabe '07

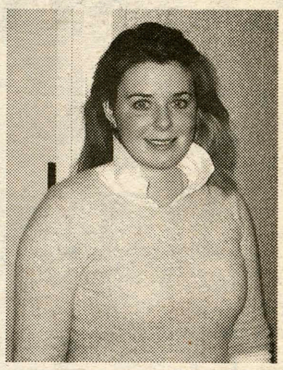


"You order it late night at the Diner."

~Tsakane Ngobeni '07

"I have seen it but have not read it."

~Max Akuamoah '09



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~Daniela Pfister '08

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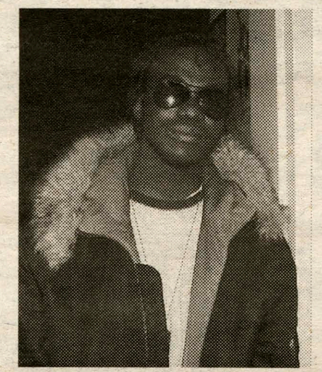
~Alissa Goddard '10



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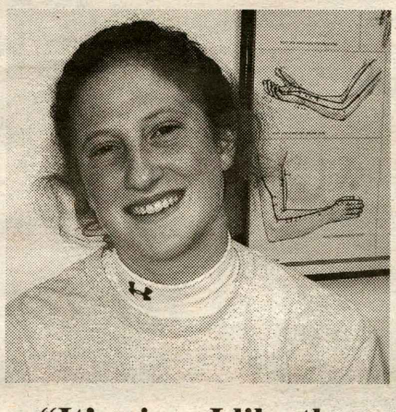
~Michael Allen Weekes '07



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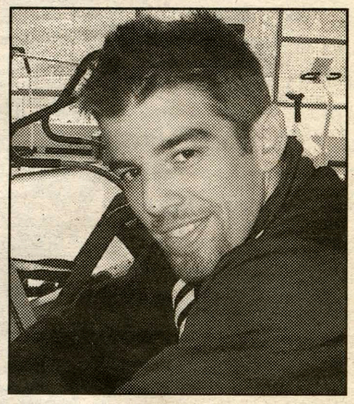
~Jessy Gelbert '09



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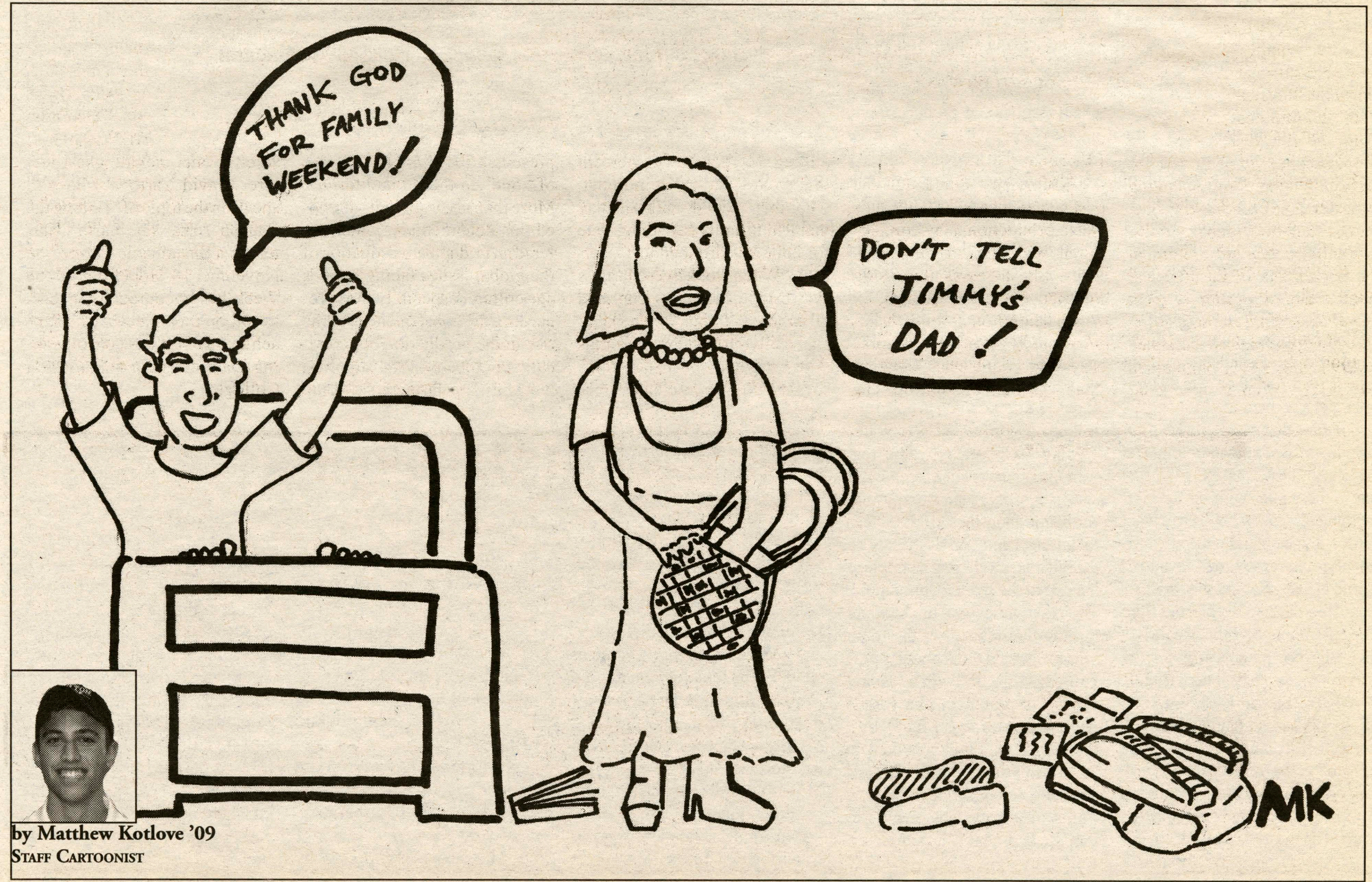
~Patrick Suarez '07



by Matthew Kotlove '09
Staff Cartoonist

Green Week kicks off with a pile of trash

by Chelsea Mann '09
Features Writer

Those of us who walked on Martin's Way last week probably remember having to circumvent the Trash Mountain that blocked its path on our way to class. This garbage pile was just one of the many environmental statements made by HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) during Green Week (Oct. 17-21), a time period devoted to raising ecological awareness on campus. "The purpose of Trash Mountain was to show people how much waste we actually produce in a day," explained Jen Kleindienst '09, one of the presidents of HEAG. "A lot of people get annoyed with it because no one wants to look at a giant pile of trash. But the fact is, we are producing large amounts of waste. People need to realize that just throwing away one paper cup adds up."

Kleindienst is also the president of the Recycling Task Force, a group of students in charge of improving Hamilton's recycling program, which is under the supervision of the Physical Plant Kleindienst proposed the idea of starting a compost area for trash, rather then simply sending it the dump, to Terry Hawkridge, the assistant director of grounds, horticulture and arboretum at the department of the Physical Plant. "The program of post consumer organic compositing was actually already established in 1998 and 1999," explained Hawkridge, who is now considering re-implementing the compost facility. Unfortunately, this will be no easy task, for it requires much construction and equipment. "We have the site off of Peter's lane, but it will be used for parking for the construction of KJ for two years," noted Hawkridge, who is currently exploring other options for venues.

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Last Monday's trash mountain was only one of many exiting events that helped to raise environmental awareness during Green Week.

Kleindienst noted that the best way to measure Hamilton's waste production is by comparing it with that of other colleges. She assesses this using the Recyclemania website, in which Hamilton is one of approximately twenty-five schools across the country participating in a recycling competition. The site measures the quantity of each college's discarded waste by weighing its trash and then calculating the percentage of that which has been recycled. According to the Recyclemania statistics, 27.9 percent of Hamilton's garbage was recycled in 2005, meaning that a whopping 70 percent was not. "We were aiming to recycle 30 percent this year," said Kleindienst, who then added with dismay that Hamilton's recycling rate for 2006 has dropped to 17 percent. "When I look over Martin's Way bridge, I see cans, cups and all kinds of things down there, especially on Sunday mornings after everyone's been partying," she said. "Physical Plant comes to pick stuff up there, but it's not their job to go rooting around." Clearly, there are still many students who fail to consider the environmental implications of tossing trash on campus property rather than in recycling bins.

HEAG tried to influence students' agricultural perspectives on Tuesday when they presented the film "The Future of Food" in the KJ auditorium. More than sixty students attended this documentary, which offered an in-depth investigation of the global issues facing today's agriculture, especially those regarding the consequences of the rise in the production of genetically engineered food supplies. Not only are farmers suffering from advances in agricultural technology, but consumers are also at risk of suffering from the potential health consequences of eating genetically altered crops.

On Wednesday, HEAG organized the Farmer's Market, in which various farmers sold jewelry and craft items in the Event's Barn. "Buying items locally is a lot more environmentally friendly than having them shipped across the country," explained Kleindienst. "Most of our food has to travel an average of 1,500 miles before we eat it. Think about the amount of gasoline it takes to get that far!" she exclaimed. "Buying locally is a great way to support the local economy and save gasoline."

HEAG drew Green Week to an uplifting end with an all-inclusive barbeque in the Glen House on Friday, which consisted of delicious good and enriching, live music featuring student musicians such as Jicks Hicks '08. Upcoming HEAG-sponsored events include guest lecturer David Yarrow, who will speak on the topic of "Ending the War on Terra: The Earth Charter for a Sustainable Future" on November 13. Hopefully, Green Week has encouraged students to roll up their sleeves and start achieving HEAG's goal of making it a green year at Hamilton College.

What's Up This Week at Hamilton

MONDAY

Daily Prayer-
12:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

President Stewart's Open Hour-
1:30 PM - Cafe Opus

Physics Lecture-
4:00 PM - SC G041

FILM: *An Inconvenient Truth*
7:00 PM - SC G027

TUESDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

CAB Special Events: Ghost Hunter John Zaffis
8:00 PM - Events Barn

Trust Treat

WEDNESDAY

All Saints Day Mass
12:00 PM - Chapel

Meditation Group-
7:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

Prayer Meeting-
9:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

THURSDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Asian Culture Society General Meeting-
5:30 PM - ELS

FRIDAY

Juggling Club Meeting-
4:00 PM - Science Center Lawn Atrium

A number of tasty alternatives

by Mallory Reed '10
Features Writer

Is McEwen stir-fry losing its spice? Have you downed one too many Tasty Turkey Wraps at the diner? Are you suffering from too much Common's pizza and not enough pizzazz? Take a break from the mundane by trying one of these zesty culinary alternatives!

Take out is always an option from a variety of restaurants down the Hill. Craving Chinese? Order in some shrimp fried rice or General Tzo's Chicken from China Sea.
Want to sample the pizza of Clinton from the comfort of your dorm? O'Scugnizzo's provides lunch and dinner delivery of traditional and gourmet pizzas as well as a large selection of focaccia sandwiches, fresh salads, "sinfully delicious homemade desserts," and more.

Also in Clinton, The Pizza Place claims to have "The Best Pizza in Town!" and offers delivery from "open 'til close." On Tuesday nights from 7 to 11, the Pizza Place is also "Home of the Super Pie Challenge" where a person can test his or her appetite by downing an 8-slice pizza in 45 minutes and win a free large pizza for the rest of the semester.

Looking to escape campus all together? If a quick jitney ride or a short jaunt down the Hill doesn't seem too rough, Clinton boasts a number of cafes and restaurants that will surely liven up your diet. Located right off the Village Green, Nola's is a favorite lunch spot among Hamilton students for creative salads and sandwiches and its extensive coffee bar. For lunch and dinner Alteri's Restaurant, "a Clinton tradition since 1953," offers a large selection of pizza, pasta, meat, seafood, sandwich and specialty entrees. Another Clinton staple is the Alexander Hamilton Inn for fine cuisine and the adjoining Pub for casual fare.

If Bon Appetite desserts are no longer satisfying your sweet tooth, Pamela's Mixing Bowl Bakery and Café in Clinton offers a variety of baked goods including donuts, danishes, rolls, bagels and their famous half moon cookies. Also in downtown Clinton, the Dessert Booth boasts a selection of gourmet lunches and inventive desserts.

Furthermore, New Hartford is only a short jitney or car-ride away and features an abundance of locally owned and chain restaurants. Get your fast food fix at Applebee's, Friendly's, Panera Bread, Red Lobster or Uno's Pizzeria, or sate your appetite at one-of-a-kind Bella Cucina, Cavallo's Restaurant or Perugia.

If you want to mix it up, ethnic food is easy to come by in the surrounding area. Rio Grande Tex Mex Grille is well known and loved among Hamilton students for its authentic and satisfying Tex-Mex cuisine. In New Hartford, Middle-eastern food is served at Phonecian Restaurant and Minar Fine Indian Cuisine is a popular choice for Indian and South Asian fare.

Would you rather explore your dining options on campus? Along with hot and cold drinks and baked goods, the original Café Opus in McEwen offers an inventive vegetarian soup and entrée for lunch from 11:30 to 1:30, Monday through Friday. For $3.50 a plate or $2.25 a cup, you can enjoy creative dishes from all over the world, such as the brie and mango panini, curried vegetables over basmati rice, moussaka, vegetarian lasagna, Indian tomato rice soup, or Chinese velvet corn soup.

Furthermore, Opus 2 in the Science Center provides students with a choice of sandwich, soup, salad, wrap and hummus for lunch each weekday. Like the original Café Opus, all selections are vegetarian and recipes are sourced from a variety of cultures. On top of traditional Opus baked goods and drinks, Opus 2 boasts a selection of snacks such as granola and yogurt, trail mix and bagels.

Still looking for more spice? Student-run organizations frequently host parties with spreads of food from restaurants around the area. Recently, the Tex Mex Poker Tournament, hosted by the sophomore class officers, was a hit with cards and tasty treats from Rio Grande Tex Mex Grille. Also, the Middle Eastern Students Association hosted a free Middle Eastern Dinner with Tabbouli, Hummus, Falafel, Grape Leaves, and more from The Phoenician Restaurant. For The Asian Culture Society's Diwali Celebration, free Indian food was provided from Minar Fine Indian Cuisine.

All in all, there is an abundance of dining opportunities on and off of campus. Break out from your usual routine and go exploring! Your taste buds will thank you.

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Clinton's main drag offers a number of interesting places to eat for those who choose to venture down the Hill.

Weekly SuDoku Puzzle

by Martin Connor '09
Features Editor

SuDoku- The Number Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation:
The rules are simple; why not give it a try! Before you know you'll be Su-dicted!

Just fill every box with the numbers 1-9 so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains each number only once!

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Tired of studying?
Try some caffeine and a change of scene!

by Brittany Albert '10
Features Writer

It's over halfway through the semester and you still haven't found that perfect study spot. Perhaps you feel stuck in a rut and are looking for a change of scenery from your dorm room, the Library, or the Science Center. Studying outside seems like a good idea, but due to the recent onset of cold, rainy weather, is impossible. Have no fear. *The Spectator* has scoured campus for the best study spots. Here is a sampling:

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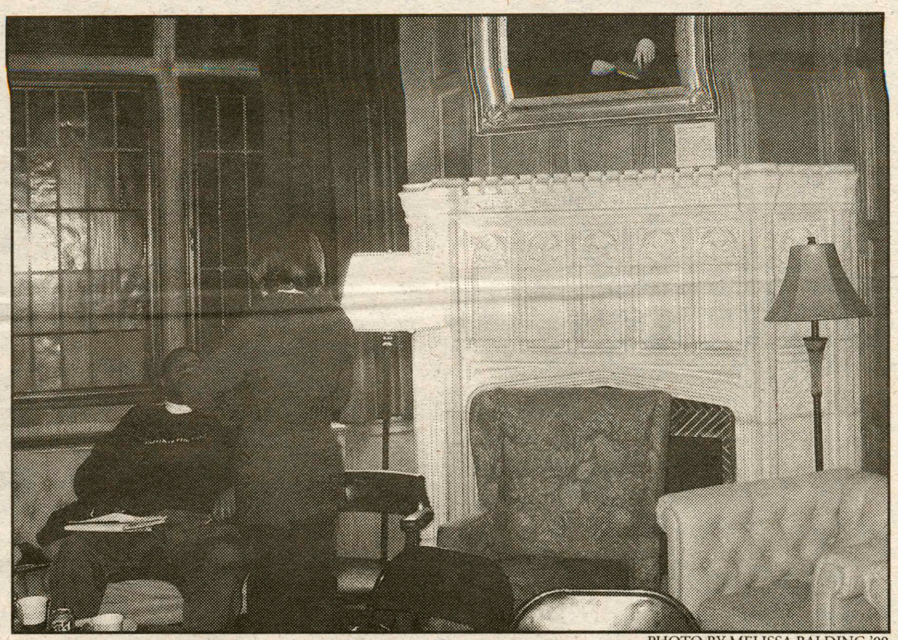
Beinecke Rocking Chairs:

This space is relaxed, yet is quiet enough for serious studying. It is quite cozy and the wood rocking chairs face a wall of windows that frame great views of the Martin's Way bridge. Overall, a perfect place to get work done and take in the natural beauty on campus.



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Christian Johnson Browsing Room:

This room feels more like a drawing room in a Jane Austen novel than a study room at Hamilton. With wood paneling on the walls, white tufted armchairs, an intricate fireplace and oil paintings of historic Hamilton faculty and alumni, the room feels very elegant. It is quiet, and feels more formal than other popular study areas on campus. For bibliophiles: be sure to check out the extensive book collection that lines the walls. The collection has a great selection of foreign literature and rare books like a set of leather-bound German encyclopedias printed in 1886.

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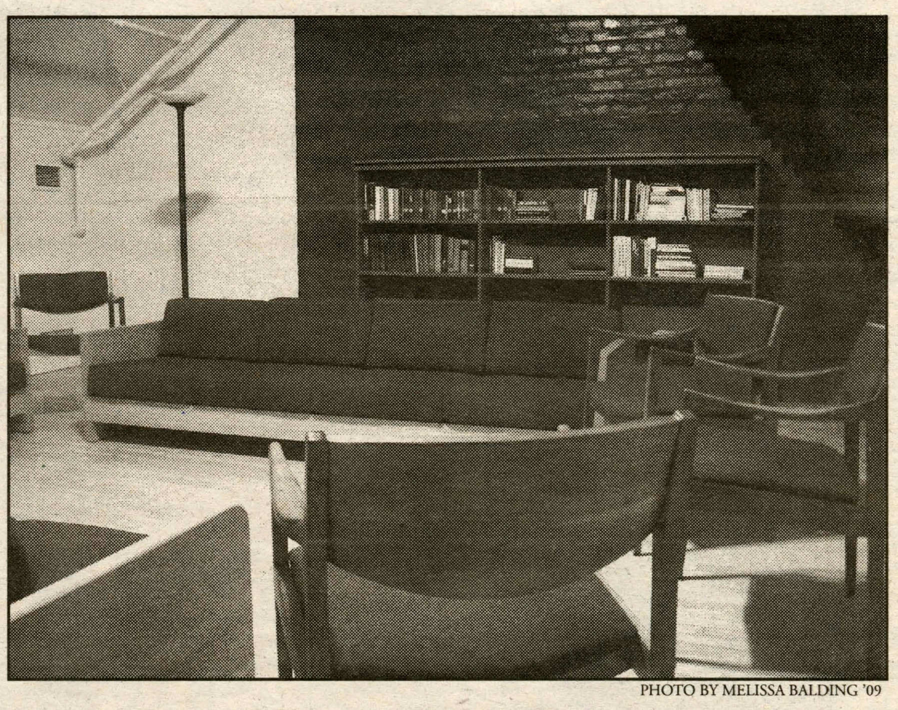
McKenna's Buff & Blue Café (Fitness Center Juice Bar):

While the fitness center may not seem like the most obvious study space, if you are looking for somewhere a little more active and energetic, this might be the place for you. The lounge boasts clusters of leather chairs and smaller, two person tables next to the windows. Fuel your brain with healthy snacks like Odwalla Juice and fruit and yogurt parfaits.



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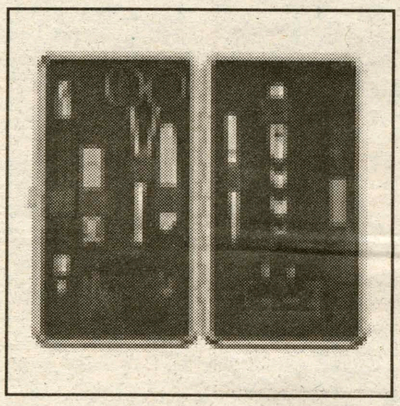
Fourth Floor of Root Hall:

If you can make it up the endless flights of stairs, you will find a well-hidden gem. This room seems to be one of the best-kept secrets on the light side of campus. It has a loft-like atmosphere with wood floors, comfy sofas, and a vaulted skylight. Ideal for solitary contemplation and group discussions alike.

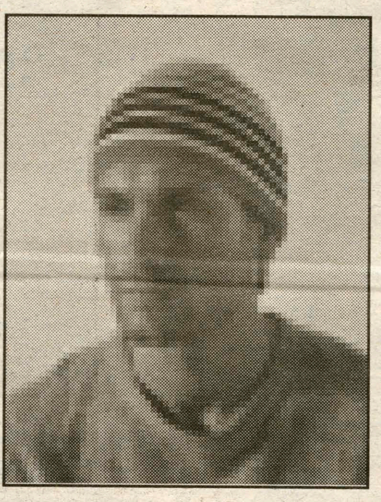
Hamilton Fashion: Nine Winter Essentials for Men

by Nonny Chizea '08
Features Fashion Columnist

Essentials for men can range from polished shoes to lint rollers. They are also things that help you look your best at all times. If you are simply wearing a sweatshirt and jeans it is important that they are pressed, and of course you should top the look of with some aviators. Looking at style.com I was able to pick nine pieces to help you look and feel your best. Enjoy!

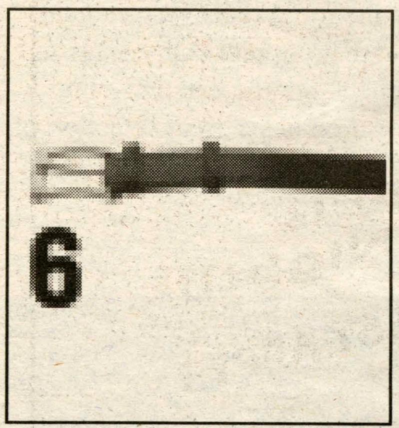


You may think it is too early to invest in a proper shaving kit, but it is not. Good habits are formed over time and practice makes perfect!



Knit hats looked cute on you in grade school and will continue to look good if worn properly. You are now a young man and should opt for a less obtrusive knit hat. Try a simple printed style and never wear it indoors. You are not Josh Hartnett.

One thing men want is the upper hand. Therefore, purchase some chic sophisticated gloves to keep those fingers warm.



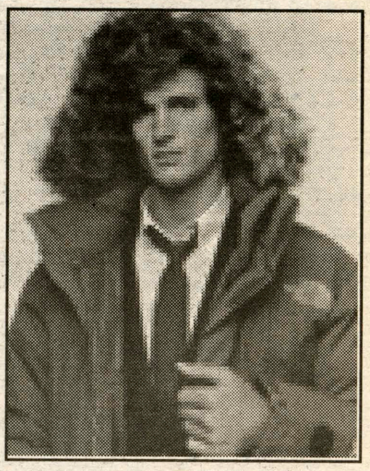
Invest in a black leather belt. It looks great with khaki's and tweed and jeans

A wool scarf is the best way to top of any outfit. Warm up your neck in one of these.

For marching through the snow, try a waterproof Wellington, but don't forget to keep them polished.

Keep your upper body warm with hooded long johns. Not only do they keep you warm, but they look great under a fleece.

A down vest is a fashionable and sensible way to stay warm and look great in the cruel cold weather of Clinton, NY.



Parkas are great weather repellents and make sense over anything from suits, to hoodies. Just make sure it is a sold neutral color that matches.

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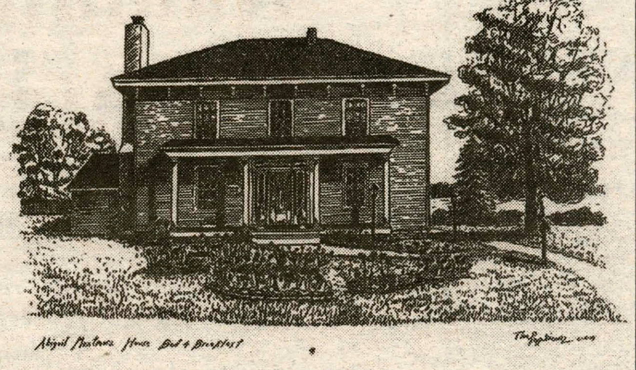

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Nov. 2: College Night - Karakoe/DJ
Line Dancing

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No. 9 - College Night - Karakoe/DJ
Line Dancing

Nov. 10 - Mechanical Bull
Seven Bridges

No. 11 - Branded (band)

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College Night - Karakoe/DJ
Line Dancing

Nov. 17 - Seven Bridges

Nov. 18 - High Noon (band)

Nov. 22 - Renegade (band)

Nov. 24 - Mechanical Bull
Seven Bridges

Nov. 25 - Fulton Chain Gang

Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. The Black Parade - My Chemical Romance
2. Once Again - John Legend
3. Hannah Montana - Hannah Montana
4. Continuum - John Mayer
5. The Nightmare Before Christmas - Various Artists

Top Songs

1. Smack That - Akon
2. Lips of an Angel - Hinder
3. White & Nerdy (Parody of "Ridin" by Chamillionaire) - "Weird Al" Yankovic fea. Krayzie Bone
4. Too Little, Too Late - JoJo
5. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. The Prestige
2. The Departed
3. Flags of Our Fathers
4. Open Season
5. Flicka
6. The Grudge 2
7. Man of the Year
8. Marie Antoinette
9. The Marine
10. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. DANCE OF THE GODS, by Nora Roberts
2. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
3. MARY, MARY, by James Patterson
4. PREDATOR, by Patricia Cornwell
5. TOXIC BACHELORS, by Danielle Steel

Paperback Non-Fiction

1. RUNNING WITH SCISSORS, by Augusten Burroughs
2. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
3. FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS, by James Bradley
4. NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel
5. TEACHER MAN, by Frank McCourt

Iraq for Sale: a packed Red Pit takes a look at the brave new world of documentary filmmaking

by Eric H. Thomas '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I could write that the latest salvo from lefty documentary director Robert Greenwald came as a surprise. I could write that the man who brought you *Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism,* and *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price* is once again up in arms over a political issue, and I could report that this was a huge shock to the system. But these would be lies. Lies, kind of like the ones that the Bush administration tells us on a fairly regular basis.

But I am getting ahead of myself, and after all, this isn't supposed to be an op-ed piece. The truth is that no one who went to see *Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers* was there to be swayed one way or another. Pretty much everybody in the room had a negative opinion of the current presidential administration before they even sat down last Monday night, when this critic attended the movie's second Hamilton College screening. What *did* come as a shock, however, was that I couldn't find a seat. Really.

I had to sit on a folding chair that the Hamilton Democrats stole from another KJ classroom, after it became clear that there weren't enough seats in the Red Pit to accommodate everyone who showed up to see the film... on its second night. Really.

The film itself was about what we've come to expect from Mr. Greenwald. It was choppy, and even a little amateurish at times when the sound or footage didn't seem to synch-up quite right, or when the fade-out from one scene to another was ambiguous. But the credibility and emotion of the interviewees was really the heart of the production.

For a film made by a left-wing director, *Iraq for Sale* had no end of seemingly blue-collar, traditionally conservative Americans. One of the men who drove a truck for Halliburton, the now-notorious Texas based Energy Corporation, said that he had voted for George W. Bush in 2000. Greenwald seems to have learned from the Fox's depiction of himself and other liberals as sophisticated elites and taken a hard "right" turn towards a more mainstream America.

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***Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers* was extremely popular when presented in KJ.**

And why shouldn't he? Perhaps his new film's most poignant moments came in the testimony of two KBR (a subsidiary of Halliburton) Truckers whose convoy was attacked outside Baghdad on Good Friday, 2004. Both men lost several very good friends on that day, when insurgents opened fire on their unarmed vehicles. As Bill Peterson, one of that day's survivors noted, "they didn't give their lives... they had their lives taken from them. They didn't want to give them up. And for what?"

This kind of heart-rending eyewitness testimony was, in my opinion, the film's greatest strength, and it wasn't limited to just truckers and employees of private companies. Brigadier General Janis Karpinski, placed in charge of Abu Ghraib Prison at the time of the torture there, was harshly critical of what she called "the lack of oversight and accountability in Iraq." In the film, she points to private contractors who provided the U.S. government with "trained" interrogators outside the military chain of command, a group she holds accountable for much of the inmate abuse that went on. While the military personnel involved face a combined 18 years in prison, the private contractors who may have instigated the torture were simply sent home. Really.

None of this was terribly shocking. Offensive, sure, but shocking? Not at this point. The sad fact is that most of the people watching this film are used to this sort of behavior from the presidential administration. They have become masters at changing the subject, pointing the finger, denying culpability and of course, deciding. While they hand out contracts to private firms who blatantly waste the taxpayers' money (as personal favors to friends on the boards of those companies), employers within those companies find themselves literally under fire.

But maybe not anymore. The film has garnered a lot of buzz, not just as an excellent documentary (like I said before, this might not be entirely justified, though its heart is in the right place) but because it has a new goal. On the movie's website (www.iraqforsale.org), it's very clear that the film has intentions beyond the box office. DVDs are available. There are lists of screenings, sorted geographically so fans or would-be fans can find a place to see the film near them. There is an option for sharing the DVD, where you can list friends who will also be interested and get discount rates. You can even look up how to host a screening of your own if there is not one scheduled in your area.

All of this is part of a greater goal. The midterm elections are coming up, and the Republicans are in trouble. Greenwald hopes that his film can get them out, and maybe force some policy changes in Washington DC. Maybe he's right. The film is powerful, and it's gaining momentum. Perhaps this film really can help tip the balance in this country. Really.

I Am Ghost: new band, eerie music

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

There are very few bands who can say that Myspace is the sole reason they exist. I Am Ghost, from Long Beach, California, however, is one of those few bands who really should write a thank you note to Myspace.

Formed in late 2004, after lead vocalist Steve Juliano posted an eerie piano track on Myspace along with messages for band members, I Am Ghost developed a six-member roster composed of (beside Juliano): Kerith Telestai (violin, vocals), Brian Telestai (bass, keys, vocals), Gabriel Iraheta (rhythm guitar), Timoteo Rosales III (lead guitar) and Ryan Seaman (drums).

The band released their self-produced EP, *We Are Always Searching* in 2005 and were not prepared for the reception they received. I Am Ghost signed to Epitaph Records after having only played a few live shows.

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Dear Myspace, thank you so much for helping us get a record deal... Love, I Am Ghost.

On October 10, I Am Ghost released their full-length LP, "Lovers' Requiem," which can be described as an epic rock opera about death, angels, demons and vampires that has eerie violin melodies, minor chords, Latin chants and heavy machine-gun drum fills.

Riding off the success of similar bands, such as AFI, Avenged Sevenfold and My Chemical Romance, I Am Ghost is essentially the more arty, hardcore little sister of these major-label bands. What I Am Ghost does that its predecessors don't is the incorporation of Kerith's female vocals over the male vocals that give it a haunting, lingering sound.

I Am Ghost is a band that's worth listening to if you're into a more hardcore sound or have a thing for Gregorian chants. The band is now on tour and will be in Buffalo with A Static Lullaby, The Classic Crime and So They Say on November 11.

"They're gonna clean up your looks
With all the lies and the books
To make a citizen out of you
Because they sleep with a gun
And keep an eye on you, son
So they can watch all the things you do..."

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Marching in with style: The Black Parade

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

By now, everyone on campus undoubtedly knows my obsession with five-piece goth/emo/punk (enter label here because they encompass them all) theatrical band, My Chemical Romance (MCR). The equation is simple enough: bouncy bass (Mikey Way) and drums (Bob Bryar), quick-paced melodic guitar riffs (Ray Toro) coupled with thrashing power-chords (Frank Iero), all overlaid with thought-provoking lyrics sung in an incredible voice that captures so many different emotions at once (Gerard Way). If that isn't enough, this band wants to save your life, and has such an incredible connection with their fans that they believe they have the best fans in the world.

My Chemical Romance released their first album, *I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love*, in 2001 after only a few months together. The sound is dark, moody and brooding, with grand, sweeping metaphors. The band signed with indie label, Eyeball Records, and did many basement shows, creating a strong, lively and vocal fan-base. They also toured on the Vans Warped Tour, which is known for giving numerous young bands the leg-up and visibility they need to reach the next level of music making.

After being pursued by many big-name labels (and subsequently asking them to take a step back and allow MCR to spend some time becoming a band), My Chem signed to Reprise Records, a subsidiary of Warner Brothers.

On Reprise Records, MCR released (what many mistakenly believe to be their first album) *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*, a grandiose concept album about two lovers who are separated by death and try desperately to be reunited; the band exploded.

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With a brand new look and a phenomenal new record, My Chemical Romance shows no sign of slowing down any time soon, much to their fans' releif.

There were many factors that contributed: another stint on Warped Tour, opening for Green Day, major-label support, an ever-expanding fan base, etc., but the manner in which My Chemical Romance exploded onto the mainstream scene was previously pretty much unprecedented. Similar bands such as The Misfits (also from New Jesey) and AFI (who had been together years longer than MCR) had not experienced even close to the same amount of success as My Chemical Romance had.

Fast forward to 2006. October 24, 2006, to be exact. After months of mystery surrounding the new record (The Black Parade is also the after-ego of MCR and was presented as so for months previous to the confirmation of the album's title release), drama surrounding Gerard's new blonde hair, as well as numerous rumors that this would be the band's last record, bouts of depression as well as injuries, My Chemical Roamnce released their latest release, *The Black Parade*.

Drawing on greats such as Queen's "A Night at the Opera" and David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars," My Chemical Romance has produced what is possibly the single best record of the year.

Starting off with "The End" (the first line starts: "Now come one come all to this tragic affair") and heading straight into "DEAD!" (bouncy guitars coupled with morbid lyrics, similar to "Headfirst for Halos" off their first album), you are immediately swept away on incredible journey; the journey of the character, The Patient, who may or may not have gone through chemotherapy, who is dying tragically young and trying to say goodbye.

It is impossible for me to choose a favorite song because they are all so amazing, but here are my comments on a good number of them.

If you can get through "Cancer" without choking up, you obviously have no heart; Liza Minnelli voices another character, "Mother War," on protest song "Mama;" "Teenagers" is a song that every puberty-aged kid can relate to; "Sleep" has a creepy intro that was inspired by the band's time writing at the Paramour (an extremely haunted house in California) where Gerard experienced horrifying night terrors; and the closing song "Famous Last Words" leaves you with a surprisingly uplifting feeling and makes you want to skip back to the beginning of the cd and listen all over again.

My Chemical Romance certainly has a knack for creating incredible albums, and *The Black Parade* is no exception. It is currently the number one album on iTunes and will only grow faster. I expect this album to be no less that Gold certified within the month.

If you have never listened to My Chemical Romance before, this is the perfect time to start. Once you start listening, you won't be able to stop, and maybe My Chemical Romance will save your life too.

HAMILTON PLAYLIST

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

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Name: Jack Skellington
Title: The Pumpkin King, King of Halloweentown

1. *The Time Warp* from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* - "Rock hit from the film that brought us late night film cults, increased cross-dressing, and an ELS party. What more could you want?"

2. *Thriller* by Michael Jackson - "The King of Pop is more than a little scary himself, so it is only appropriate that this classic be included."

3. *I Put A Spell On You* by Screamin Jay Jawkins - "Halloween hit that has often been covered, but has never worked well as the bluesy original. The song escalates as Hawkins begins sounding demonic and wild over the loss of a lover."

4. *Psycho Killer* by The Talking Heads - "Qu'est-ce que sait?"

5. *Monster Mash* by Bobby "Boris" Pickett and the Crypt Kickers - "A classic Halloween hit... sure it's cheesy, but it's a must for any Halloween celebration."

6. *Strange Brew* by Cream - "Hit from Eric Clapton's famous trio that uses psychadellic sounds and bluesy riffs brilliantly to evoke an eerie feeling."

7. *Bad Moon Rising* by Creedence Clearwater Revival - "Catchy tune from a great American blues/rock/roots band. Great to sing along to."

8. *Halloween* by A.F.I. - "Cover of aptly named original by the Misfits, has a contemporary punk rock edge."

Have a playlist you're dying to share? Think other people listen to bad music? Want to know what your professors and administration listen to? Let us know your playlists or whose playlists you want to know. Email **ndietsch** *or* **rmintzer**, *and share your ideas with us.*

Millions and *The Big Lebowski* playing in KJ Auditorium this weekend

by Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

In addition to the multitudes of other offerings, the Samuel Kirkland Film Society will be screening two movies this weekend: Danny Boyle's 2005 sleeper hit, *Millions*, and the Coen Brothers' 1998 magnum opus, *The Big Lebowski*.

Millions tells the story of a young boy who discovers a suitcase full of money and has only a few days to spend it. From here the plot could certainly veer into the more childish, perhaps tracing a boy who indulges all of his juvenile desires a la Disney's *Blank Check* (To be sure, *Blank Check* was a fine film, and a high point in Tone Loc's career, but it lacked any real emotional depth). Instead, *Millions* chronicles the boy's actions as he discovers what is truly important in life – and it isn't the money.

The movie carries a PG rating, making it suitable for virtually all audiences. Due to its weighty subject matter (i.e. ethics, morals), however, older viewers can certainly find something of interest here.

I won't go into detail about *The Big Lebowski*. It is one of my favorite movies, and I could go on ad infinitum about what makes it one of the greatest comedies – and, indeed, films – of all time. But I don't want to spoil one second of it for anyone who hasn't seen it yet.

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I am sure there are still a few of you out there. That being said, I have seen *The Big Lebowski* probably around 20 times, and I still find new things every time I watch it again. So, whether you're a big *Lebowski* fan, a Coen Brothers aficionado, or a total space cadet who hasn't yet experienced this great movie, get to KJ this weekend.

Millions will be shown Friday night at 7:00, Saturday night at 8:00 and Sunday night at 7:00. It runs for 1 hour and 37 magical minutes. *The Big Lebowski* will be shown at 10:00 on Friday night, 11:00 on Saturday night and 10:00 on Sunday night. It runs for the second 1 hour and 57 minutes you will have this weekend. All movies are shown in Kirner-Johnson 144, which is better known as KJ Auditorium.

Thompson versus video games (and the world!)

by Brendan Conway '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

August 15: Jack Thompson files suit against Take Two's game "Bully," trying to get it suspended from publication as a "public nuisance," due to all the violence in the game, and the possibility that "Bully" could cause future in-school violence. A nuisance under the statute was defined as "something that tends to annoy the community, or injures the health of the citizens in general, or corrupts the public morals," as stated by GamePolitics.com. Suffice it to say, using the "public nuisance" idea against a video game was unprecedented, and it was somewhat dubious, legally speaking.

The suit still went through, however. It reached its conclusion just recently, on October 13. Judge Ronald Friedman ruled in favor of "Bully," saying such things as "There is a LOT of violence, but not more than the general public has access to on television…" and "Would I want MY kids to play this game? Absolutely not. But this game is not a nuisance."

Needless to say, Thompson wasn't happy. He followed up on the decision by sending a letter to Judge Friedman. In the letter, he says "…you have consigned innumerable children to skull fractures, eye injuries from slingshots, and beatings with baseball bats, without a hearing as to the danger…" and "What you conducted in your chambers, Judge, was the equivalent of Iran leading UN weapons inspectors around your country taking them to places where the illegal activity was not occurring."

Thompson repeatedly stated that Judge Friedman had promised to spend as much time as was necessary with the game to be able to make a fair judgment, and had implied that he would be playing the game for, potentially, several days. Instead, what occurred was essentially a four hour demonstration of the game by Take Two employees who, Jack Thompson is quick to point out, were not under oath. The demonstrators used developers tools to show key points in the game, in a fashion that sounds reminiscent of the ESRB rating methods.

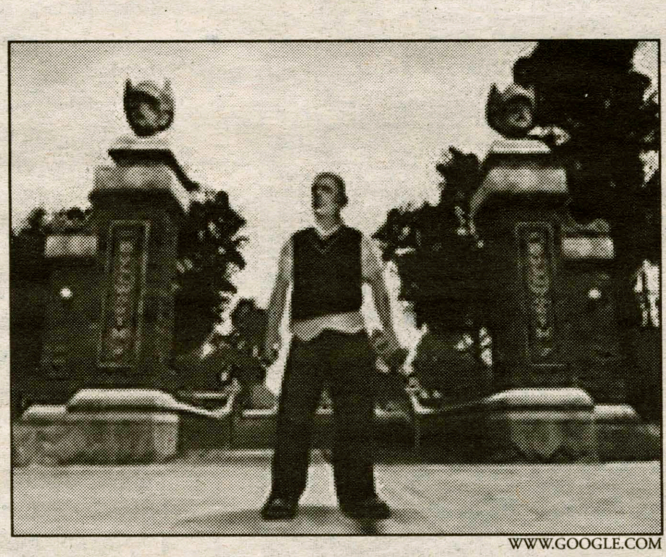
Since the letter was sent, Take Two's attorneys filed a "Petition for Order to Show Cause."

"The motion requests that Judge Friedman order Thompson to appear in court and show cause as to why he should not be held in contempt," GamePolitics paraphrases.

Thompson responded in his standard fashion, with further inflammatory remarks: "You want to play hardball…? You want to try to throw me in jail? You have no idea what you are unleashing in doing this. You're at the brink…"

On October 25, Jack Thompson appeared before Judge Friedman for the Judge's response to Take Two's motion. Judge Friedman did not choose to hear the contempt motion. He instead filed a complaint against Thompson with the Florida Bar, and recused himself. The contempt issue, while not dismissed, would not be handled by Judge Friedman.

As shown in video footage,



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"Bully" is causing all sorts of controversy and getting a lot of free publicity thanks to Jack Thomspon.

taken by reporter Niero of Destructoid.com, Friedman warned Thompson that had Thompson simply been more reasonable, he could've found the court quite amenable. But now, he might have to deal with a court far harsher than Friedman's.

Meanwhile, several reports upon the violence of "Bully" have been made. Journalist Clive Thompson of *Wired News* reported that "It turns out the game doesn't glorify bullying at all. Indeed, it's almost precisely the opposite…you are not, in fact, intended to be a bully. Instead, most of your early missions involve you defending the helpless…there's no blood, and…One of the biggest 'crimes' is staying out after curfew, or wandering around when you ought to be in class."

He also says that politicians have yet to grasp the subtle, satirical edge to Rockstar's games, and their moral, "Those with power will inevitably abuse it. It is a conclusion that would not displease Thomas Hobbes, or even Thomas Jefferson."

All in all, it seems that most reports of the game liken the violence within "Bully" to the violence within other forms of media, including Washington Post reporter Mike Musgrove's statement that "Bully…is about as offensive to me as an issue of *Mad Magazine*."

Okay, enough with the reporting bit. Here's what seems to be the bottom line: This is not a game that most children should play. It has a Teen rating from the ESRB, but even younger teens should probably not be allowed to play it. The responsibility for keeping this game out of kids' hands lies with no one except the parents of those kids.

I can't see how you can play it any other way. It's up to parents to filter what their kids do. You can't buy the kid the game, and then later on blame the company that made the game for all the violence your kid has just seen.

Not to mention the fact that in this particular instance, bullying has long preceded any video games.

I do see the other side of the issue, too. I do see how this game could send kids the wrong message, that its better to get even on one's own than to inform the teacher or parents. But then again, don't some movies and some stories do the same thing?

And what's more is that it seems to me, if a kid plays this game and then decides that violence is the correct solution, more is wrong with the kid than simply that he played a violent video game. I can't help but feel like the focus upon "fixing" video games is so great because the actual issues and the actual problems are just so hugely insurmountable, we'd rather attack things which we know we have a chance of changing and controlling. So we leave the big problems alone while focusing on the little, conquerable things, like video games.

I stick by my point, a point that Judge Friedman supported. If I were a parent, and my child were a twelve or eleven year old, would I want him or her to play this game? Heck no. So I would make sure that he or she did not play this game. It's as simple as that.

But to ban the game entirely simply because it has the *potential* to cause trouble…Lots of things have the potential to cause trouble. The wrong chemistry book in the wrong hands has the potential to cause lots of trouble. The wrong interpretation of a book can cause lots of trouble. Does that mean we should censor those "potential troublemakers"?

I can't help but feel that to ban this game would be the first step on an incredibly slippery, incredibly dark slope.

Nosferatu to play in KJ

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

It's every college student's favorite holiday of the year again, and what better way to kick off your Halloween than with the original vampire movie, *Nosferatu* and some live music to go with it? This Sunday at 2 p.m. in KJ Auditorium, the F.I.L.M. series will present "Nosferatu, a Symphony of Horror," with live accompaniment by the Devil Music Ensemble.

Nosferatu, made in 1921, is widely considered to be the first classic horror film as well as the first onscreen version of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. It was directed by silent film master Friedrich Wilhelm Murnau and stars Max Schrek as the rodent-like Count Orlok and Greta Schroder as his the object of his ,well…bloodlust.

The film has been lauded for its use of light and negative space, in addition to its subtle depiction of post World War I Germany and its depravity.

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The original vampire film, *Nosferatu* will be playing this weekend in the F.I.L.M. series.

Most copies of *Nosferatu* were destroyed after Stoker's estate sued Murnau for copyright infringement, and thus the film's survivial has depended on bootleggers' copies.

Gracing KJ Auditorium with their presence is the Boston-based Devil Music Ensemble. Founded in Boston in 1999, the ensemble features Tim Nylander (drums/percussion), Jonah Rapino (violin/synthesizer/vibraphone) and Brendon Wood (guitar/synthesizer/lap steel).

The band was formed to explore multiple varieties of music from classical to electronic, and has performed at a variety of venues including college campuses, museums, and clubs. The Devil Music Ensemble seems to have a particular affinity for providing live accompaniment for silent films, which they have done a great deal of as well.

Best of the worst: horror movies for your Halloween

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I couldn't bear to sit through all of them…but here they are. If you want be laughing at idiocy this Halloween instead of screaming in horror- here are some films for you.

1) The Leprechaun (I-VI)- psychotic killer leprechaun wrecks havoc on society while looking for "me gold." Look for a young Jennifer Aniston in the first film of the series and Ice-T and Coolio in the fifth, entitled "Leprechaun in the Hood."

2) Killer Klowns From Outer space- Yes, that is clowns with aka. The Killer Klowns invade the small town of Crescent Cove and suck up people's flesh through crazy straws. Enough alliteration for ya?

3) The Blob- a mysterious creature lands on Earth; it has no real shape, but seems to be destroying helpless teenagers all over the place.

4) Freddy v. Jason- who is the scariest Hollywood villain of them all? Jason Voorhees of the *Friday the Thirteenth* series and Freddy Krueger of *Nightmare on Elm Street* duke it out for the title of supreme slasher. What ridiculous sequel will they think of next?

And of course, if you're in the mood for a pretty good Halloween movie that is an undoubtedley an instant classic, *Hocus Pocus* is by far the best movie... ever. It will never, ever, get old.

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May 7 2002, Wisconsin. Lantern, 30, enjoyed playing a private game with his wife. He would pull down his pants, place the barrel of a shotgun against his scrotum, and tell her to pull the trigger. They had played this game frequently, to his immense pleasure. The gun was unloaded, of course.

On this pleasant Friday, he was excited to try again. The thrill was even larger because his wife's girlfriend was pulling into the driveway at the time. "Shoot 'em off before she gets here!" Lantern told his wife. She pulled the trigger. But this time, the gun was loaded.

Emergency crews arrived to find Lantern bleeding profusely from his groin, wearing shoes and socks, with his pants down around his ankles. The police were told it was an accident, and the couple didn't know the gun was loaded. Lantern was admitted to the hospital in critical condition, where he survived to earning the indisputable right to the rarest of honors: the Living Darwin Award.

Photo and story courtesy of darwinawards.com

This Week's Mac News and Rumors Roundup

by Matthew Crowson '09
Science & Technology Editor

Some of the bigger news stories from *Macrumors.com:*

LOGO FROM RALPH.HIGHLINE.

1. ***A look at the upcoming operating system, Leopard.***
"ThinkSecret posts some more screenshots from the latest build of Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard (9A283). Meanwhile, Apple posted a Leopard Technology Overview document for developers. Apple details several features for Leopard which are drawing some attention:

Resolution Independence
In Leopard, the system, including the Carbon and Cocoa frameworks, will be able to draw user interface elements using a scale factor. This will let the user interface maintain the same physical size while gaining resolution and crispness from high dpi displays.

OpenGL Improvements
Leopard also provides a dramatic increase in OpenGL performance by offloading CPU-based processing onto another thread which can then run on a separate CPU core feeding the GPU. This can increase, or in some cases, even double the performance of OpenGL-based applications. OpenGL Improvements were previously described in August after WWDC. This new Multithreaded OpenGL has already been incorporated in the Mac Pro's version of Mac OS X 10.4.8.

QuickTime Improvements
QuickTime's plumbing is receiving significant upgrades in Leopard. There have been significant enhancements in handling the H.264 encoding. Also, transparent alpha layers, an optional part of the H.264 specification, are now supported in H.264-based QuickTime movies. And finally, QuickTime supports 64-bit."

2. ***This week Apple released the Core 2 Duo MacBook Pro.***
"Apple today announced that its entire MacBook(TM) Pro line of notebooks now includes the new Intel Core 2 Duo processor and delivers performance that is up to 39 percent faster than the previous generation. All MacBook Pro models now offer double the memory and greater storage capacity than the previous generation, as well as a FireWire(R) 800 port for connecting to high-speed peripherals
The long awaited upgrade brings the Core 2 Duo processor to Apple's professional laptops. Prices remain the same and the specs are as follows:

15" MacBook Pro, 2.16GHz, 1GB, 120GB HD, $1999.
15" MacBook Pro, 2.33GHz, 2GB, 120GB HD, $2499.
17" MacBook Pro, 2.33GHz, 2GB, 160GB HD, $2799."

A rumor to ponder regarding the potential for an "iPhone" and a 50-inch monitor:

1. "There was interesting news about the iPhone and other offerings from Apple on Friday's edition of Mac OS Ken: The Preferred Podcast of Macsimum News. Speaking on condition of anonymity, a listener to Mac OS Ken with ties to the Mac maker says the company has enacted a hiring freeze in anticipation of hiring hundreds of telco managers to sell the iPhone. An Apple employee tells the source that they have held both versions of the phone— which they expect to see launched in January, though they could not confirm that date. The same source tells Mac OS Ken that a monitor refresh in early 2007 will include a 50-inch monitor, presumably tied into the launch of Apple's iTV." *Courtesy of http://www.macsimumnews.com/.*

Upcoming Science Seminars

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November 3
Dabney Dixon, Dept. of Chemistry, Georgia State University

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Brian Miller, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry, Florida State University
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November 27th, 3:00 p.m. SC3040
Dr. Bryant Buchanon, Dept. of Biology, Utica College.
"Environmental and evolutionary factors influencing the expression of alternative reproductive tactics in treefrogs."

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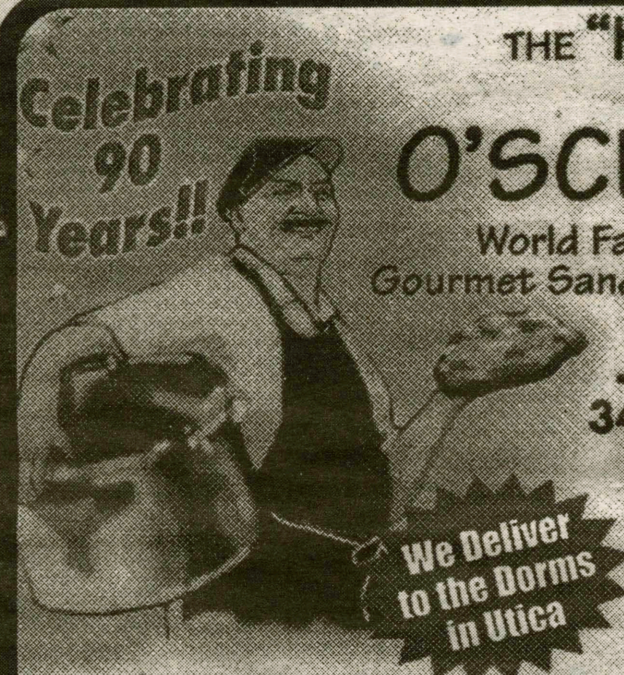

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Women's tennis successful; 5th at NYSWCA Champs

by Maura Donovan '09
Sports Writer

Last weekend the Hamilton women's tennis team rounded out their fall season at the New York State Women's Collegiate Association Championship, hosted by Cornell University. The Continentals scored 22 points to give them fifth place behind state powerhouses of Vassar, Rochester, NYU and Skidmore. The tournament proved to be very challenging, but all of the women came together and didn't shy away from the competition. Senior captain Brittany Horn said: "I am really proud of the way we played, we fought hard and most importantly no one gave up, which is a crucial part of tennis." Seven women traveled to represent Hamilton ranging from experienced upperclassmen to enthusiastic freshmen. Sophomore Elizabeth Goheen was impressed with the way that "many people on the team stepped up to fill the gaps in the line up, especially the addition of the two freshmen who had very successful seasons and proved to be great assets."

First singles obviously brought the toughest opponents to the field, but Kara Powers '08 faced them bravely. However, a fall Interscholastic Tennis Association Champion from Rochester stood in Kara's way, taking the first round match.

Marni Powers '08 also faced a strong, consistent competitor from Union who stopped her at the first round in second singles. Laura Brantley '10 was victorious in her third singles first round, easily taking out a St. John Fisher player 6-1, 6-1. Her second round match up with a Cortland opponent was much more difficult. She fell in three sets of the quarter final match (6-3, 1-6, 3-6).

The star of the weekend came out during fourth singles, when freshman Emily Poe dominated the field and won the bracket. As first seed, she was under pressure, but breezed through her first two matches against a Plattsburgh player (6-4, 6-4) in the quarter finals and against a William Smith player (6-4, 6-2) in the semifinals. Her opponent in the final round from Skidmore was a strong match but Poe outlasted her through the three sets (6-1, 3-6, 6-4) to take the victory. The entire team was impressed by Poe's ability and performance. Horn commented: "She was completely focused and she dominated her entire draw." The weekend gave Poe a season record of eight wins and only two losses.

Horn fought her way through a first round match up with a St. John Fisher player in fifth singles but fell short by two points in a tie breaker. Better luck for Hamilton came with sixth singles as Sophomore Ashley Pardoe worked her way through Plattsburgh and Ithaca opponents to the semi finals. Horn noted how impressive this feat was: "She was put into the sixth singles spot on our last dual match of the season. However, even with this very little experience playing singles for Hamilton she made it all the way to the semis." Pardoe wasn't even seeded coming into the tournament but worked her way until falling to the number two seed from Skidmore in a grueling third set.

Pardoe came back later that afternoon with her partner in third doubles, Goheen, to play exceptionally well again. Being first seed, they advanced directly to the quarter finals where they took Plattsburgh opponents 8-4. Even the semi finals against Rochester proved no contest to the sophomore duo. In the final match they fell to weekend champion Vassar 8-1. The freshman team of Brantley and Poe also won their first round second doubles match 8-3 against Nazareth were then edged out by William Smith.

Since the fall season is wrapped up, the team is already looking to the spring. First on the minds of many are the loss of key upperclassmen Kara and Marni Powers who are going abroad. Goheen says: "It will be tough to loose the Powers twins in the spring because they have such a strong presence, both on and off the court but I also think it will be a good opportunity for other players to really step up." Also, the team will face NESCAC schools which will change the competition and approach to matches greatly. Horn explains that "every match we play will be harder than the ones we have had in the fall. NESCAC is a whole other caliber of tennis compared to the Liberty Leagues."

Even though the future looks tough, the team is willing and prepared to face whatever comes their way. The team is still young and as each player becomes more experienced they will learn more and play better. Horn and the rest of the Continentals are ready because they feel as though the "team has a lot of depth and talent, but most of all - spirit."

Men's XC leads pack

by Kate Greenough '09
Sports Writer

Temperatures dipped as low as 33 degrees at the Rensselaer Invitational, but Hamilton men's cross-country was on fire. The team wrapped up their regular season with exceptional individual performances and a ninth place finish at last weekend's Rensselaer Invitational, held in Saratoga Springs, New York. Saratoga Springs is rumored to be one of the faster courses and the team had the times to validate that claim.

Leading the Continentals with a 19th place finish and personal season best of 26 minutes and 37 seconds, Allan Guiney '08 was again a key member in securing Hamilton's 9th place finish out of twenty teams. The meet was won by RIT with 67 points. Seasonal bests were also achieved by some of Hamilton's top runners, including Keith Gross '09 with an impressive 26:57 and 33rd place finish out of 203. Rob Taylor '07, Luke Thornblade '07 and Greg Decker '10 all ran their lowest times of the regular season as well, with 27:30, 27:38 and 27:44, respectively.

Next weekend, the team will participate in the NESCAC championships in Waterford, CT, hosted by Connecticut College. In past years, the Tufts Jumbos have dominated the competition and claimed the title in the 2003, 2004 and 2005 seasons. The Jumbos boast a deep roster, yet their past victories can largely be attributed to a strong and exceptionally talented class of 2006. Williams College settled for second place by a mere margin of two points. Williams also lost the leadership of powerhouse runner and two-time NESCAC most outstanding performer, Neal Holtschulte '06. Without these outstanding individuals, the 2006 crown is up for grabs, as many other NESCAC teams have had promising seasons.

Senior Owen McKenna, running for the Bowdoin Polar Bears, snagged a first place finish in the New England championships with the help of veteran teammates Archie Abrams and Thompson Ogilvie. The Bears won the Maine championships and are doggedly pursuing the league title that was stripped from them after wins in both the 2001 and 2002 seasons. Although Bowdoin seems to have the edge with the triple threat of McKenna, Abrams and Oglivie, Amherst, Trinity and Wesleyan have had remarkable meet performances and are contenders for the championship as well.

Although several NESCAC teams are predicted to dominate the competition, and the Continentals suffered the loss of valuable rookie Peter Kosgei, Hamilton's successes in the regular season meets forecast a solid performance at the championships. Taylor, Gross, Thornblade, Guiney and Decker will race this Saturday, in addition to Will Bartholomew '08, Cam Gaylord '09, Peter Woodruff '09, Will Reid '10, John Garrison '10 and Wally Green '10. The race begins at 11:00 a.m., and will be the last race for several team members.

A 2006-2007 NBA Preview

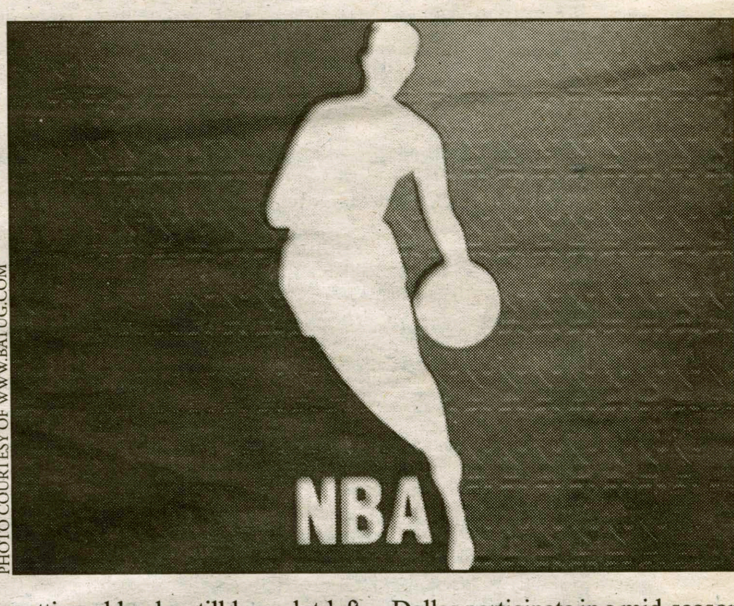
by Sean Hopper '09
Sports Writer

Then end of the season last year culminated with the Miami Heat beating the Dallas Mavericks in six games to become the NBA champions. As in any off-season, there have been many acquisitions and new coaches hired to propel teams into championship contention for this upcoming season. What will happen this year? Well it looks like it will be a lot of the same from last year.

There haven't been too many significant changes with the exception of Ben Wallace to the Bulls that could substantially improve a bad team to a good team, for the most part the bad teams from last year will be just as bad if not worse. Is it worth watching? Yes with out a doubt. A new era in basketball has begun, the starters from five years ago are too old so others have stepped up into the lime-light. Lebron James, Dwayne Wade and Carmelo Anthony are all entering their fourth seasons and the scary thing is they'll only get better. Wade already showed what he could do when he basically won the finals for the Miami Heat; he couldn't be stopped.

Watching them in action is a sight to see, even for non-basketball fans. Some of the things they can do are incredible. But this doesn't mean that the other teams are doomed to lose. On the contrary, out of three above I only see the Heat as a Finals contender. I bet you're itching for my predictions, so I won't delay you any longer.

Eastern Conference: Although the Miami Heat won the finals last year, many view the Western Conference as the stronger of the two. I believe that there are more quality teams in the West, but when it comes down to the Finals, who knows. Many called the Detroit Pistons a dynasty, but after losing Ben Wallace and a dismal playoff showing, they lost their top spot in the East. The number one team is the Miami Heat, the defending champs haven't lost any pieces of the puzzle that won them the trophy. Although Shaq is getting older, he still has a lot left to give. Wade has gotten older and better; D-Wade will perform better than last year and give the Heat a chance to win again.



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I believe that the only team that could contend is the New Jersey Nets if they stay healthy. The lethal trio of Jason Kidd, Vince Carter and Richard Jefferson is very difficult to stop. If the Nets don't win this year, then this could be it with Kidd getting older and with the possible departure of Vince Carter. As for the Bulls, the addition of Ben Wallace will help but I don't see it making thm a contender. They are at least a year or two away from big things. Of course, Lebron will do his best Michael Jordan impression and carry the Cleveland Cavaliers to the playoffs, but they will eventually lose.

Western Conference: I also believe that the Dallas Mavericks are the team to beat in the west. Like the Heat they have their core still intact for many years and strengthened their bench with both defensive and offensive specialists. Not to mention Mark Cuban, like George Steinbrenner, will do whatever it takes, that means lots of money, to make his club the best. Don't be surprised if you see Dallas participate in a mid-season trade. Then there are two clubs that could overtake the Mavs. The San Antonio Spurs led by their foreign born all-stars Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobli is as strong as they have ever been. They are poised to get to the Finals after losing to Dirk and the Mavs. The other powerhouse in the west is the Phoenix Suns. Led by two-time MVP Steve Nash, Shawn Marion and the return of the healthy Amare Stoudemire, they will be hard to beat. Additionally, the emergence of Boris Diaw last year makes this line-up scary.

NBA Finals Prediction: The New Jersey Nets v. Phoenix Suns. This may sound surprising after talking up the Heat, but I think I'm going for the upset. Unfortunately for the Nets, they'll continue their streak of losing in the Finals and lose in six games to a great team that really doesn't have many holes.

Football wins second straight; hosts Williams

Defense ranked 4th in country among Division III schools; allowing only 7.4 points per game

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Writer

Hamilton does it again, another one for the win column. The Continentals were able to get their second win of the season from another dominating performance by the defense. The final score against Colby was 6-0. Not only did the team start its first winning streak in years, but also it posted their second consecutive shutout, which hasn't happened since 1967.

Matt Pitarresi '08 turned in a stellar performance on defense and his key interception return of 52 yards led to the only touchdown in the game. Another significant impact player was tight end, Benjamin Tomaszewski '10, who made five very important catches including one for a touchdown right before the half. Hamilton limited Colby to only 92 total yards and forced five turnovers to continue its commitment to execution of capitalizing on the mistakes of its opponents. The offense was able to show some promise by gaining yards through a balanced rushing and passing attack. The team is showing great potential to make football into a winning tradition here at Hamilton.

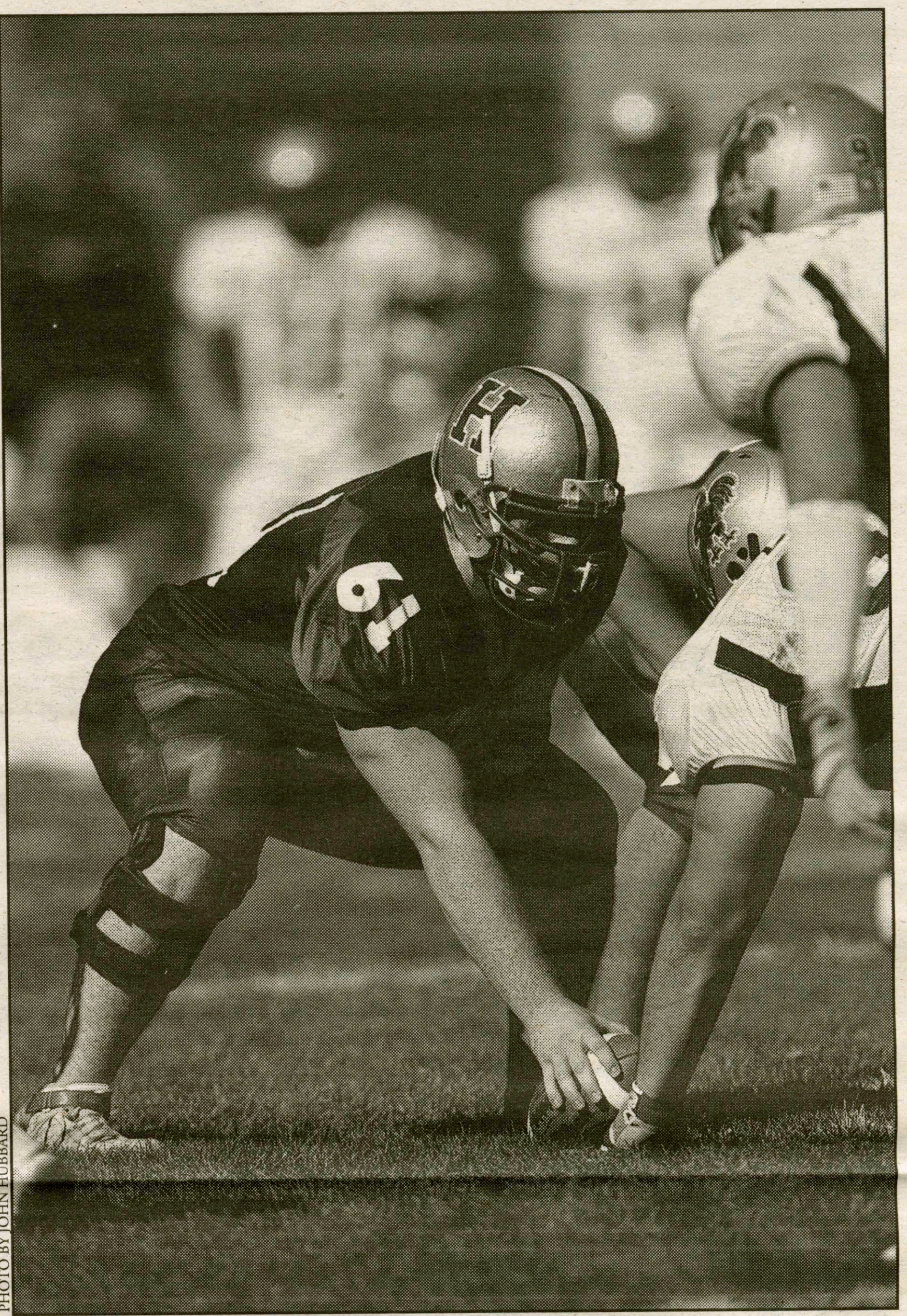
The offensive line is finally connecting on a consistent basis despite the problems with injuries forcing players to play new positions. They have stepped up to the challenge and made sure that the game will not be lost due to a lack of effort.

Head Coach Steve Stetson has used the following strategy to build up the confidence of the players on the team, "We give people equal time in individual periods during practice. (all are coached in a similar fashion and at the same time.) However, when we practice as an entire group we cannot give equal time. Therefore, a young man needs to show us he is going to work hard with a great attitude in an effort to improve. We need every single player's best effort on a daily basis to even remotely reach that individual's potential, or ultimately, the team's potential."

Williams College is the next opponent that the Continentals hope to beat. However, it will be mighty difficult to ensure a win, as so far Williams has dominated their foes, and has an undefeated record at 5-0. Not one of their wins has been by less than a margin of twenty points, which shows that Hamilton has a real test this week at home.

On offense, the Continentals are going to have to continue moving the ball without giving it away. Williams presents a difficult challenge to the offense as they have pretty much dominated their competition. However, if there is one flaw in their defense it is the susceptibility of the deep ball. Quarterback Ben Saccomano '09 is going to have to be on top of his game as interceptions will only put even more pressure on the defense to be successful. Looking at the past few games, the wide receivers have been getting the ball more in areas where they have the ability to run and collect first downs. This is going to have to continue as it represents a huge advantage to Hamilton if the passing attack gets going early. Running the ball should still be in the game plan as it opens up the deep passes that will need to be thrown to score. Coach Stetson said, "We changed a few plays." This represents a critical opportunity for the team to benefit from as Williams won't know how to defend the new plays initially.

Once again, the defense is going to have to be the focal point of the team. It has done a tremendous job this year progressing as one of the best units in all of Division III teams. The other teams have only averaged 7.4 points per game, which has kept Hamilton in each of the games this season. Williams does pose some threats, as it has a potent offensive attack that has scored at least 27 points in each of its five games. Hamilton's linebackers are going to have to play a very smart game as they will have to be ready for a run or pass on each play. If the defense plays like it has the past two weeks, it is sure going to be a great game. Hamilton football is back on track and ready to pounce on any opponent that comes its way.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Senior offensive lineman Brian McFadden gets ready to snap the ball.

Club Sport Update

by Rob Dunn '07
Sports Contributor

The **X-C Ski Team** is looking for anyone interested in learning how to ski or interested in improving their skills. The team will begin as soon as the snow falls and competitions will begin in January. *Next meeting*: Sunday, November 5. *Upcoming events*: Soloman representative appearing at Sonne's Sporting Goods on November 14 to discuss deals for equipment. (*Questions? Contact Tim Eddy at teddy@hamilton.edu*)

Ultimate Frisbee had a tournament at Susquehanna University last weekend. They went 4-0 bringing the record to 8-5. They beat Millersville University 13-3, Susquehanna University 13-2, Adelphi University 13-1, and Bloomsburg University 13-4. (*For information about practice contact gesser@hamilton.edu.*)

Women's Club Golf had a successful season, playing in tournaments at St. Lawerence, Cortland and Mt. Holyoke. Scores: St. Lawrence: Lauren Steates '07 86-80 (6th), Natalie Smith '10 103-99 (40th); Mt. Holyoke: Steates 88-87, Smith 110-109; Cortland: Steates 88 (5th). They hope to also play a full spring schedule, with a full roster. (*Contact Steates at lsteates@hamilton.edu for more information.*)

The **Hamilton College Sailing Team**, a co-ed club sport, has wrapped up a great season. Racing small, two-person boats makes collegiate sailing an exciting, fast-paced sport. Members of the team learn and experience everything from the art of sail trim to "hiking out" to righting a sailboat that has capsized. There will be meetings throughout the cold months to plan and prepare for a full season of racing in the spring. The team welcomes new members with any level of experience. (*For more information contact Kenyon Laing at klaing@hamilton.edu*)

Volleyball successful

by Erin Hoener '10
Sports Writer

The small, but rowdy, crowd in the field house on Wednesday was treated to quite a show by our volleyballers. It is easy to see that this team lead by its senior captains, Laura Belden '07, Kristina Carroll '07 and Allie Massaro '07, is headed for great things in the future. Although Hamilton did not come out victorious, they gave Hartwick a run for their money. After winning the first game 30 to 24, Hamilton fell to Hartwick in the next hard fought game, 30 to 26. The second and third games of the match were likely the most heartbreaking as the Continentals came within just two points of winning each, falling to Hartwick with a score of 30 - 28.

The sophomores had a big night Wednesday, leading the pack in kills, assists and digs. Kristen Selden '09 yet again led the attack with 21 kills, tying a career-high, followed closely by Jessie Schneidman '08 with 15 kills and Massaro and freshman, Jasmine Jolly, each with 10. Julia Penrose '09 led the Continentals with 44 assists, followed by Michelle Fisher with 17 assists.

The defense was lead by Amber O'Connor '09 with 33 digs, followed by Massaro with 16. O'Connor has performed very well this season as the team's libero. The libero is a specialized defensive player that replaces any player in a back row position, but is not allowed to attempt to block a ball that is completely above the net. O'Connor is now fourth in the NESCAC with 5.10 digs per game. If she maintains this average she will break the Hamilton single season record for digs.

This weekend is huge for the team as they face three NESCAC rivals. On Friday they will be taking on Tufts at 8 p.m., and on Saturday they will be taking on Amherst at 12 p.m. and Middlebury at 3 p.m. All three of these important matches are being hosted by Hamilton, so head on over to the field house cheer them on in their last games of the regular season.

By the Numbers

Field Hockey
5-9-0

Football
2-3-0

Soccer (M)
10-2-1

Soccer (W)
8-3-2

Tennis (W)
5-1-0

Volleyball
9-18-0

Go Blue!

Men's rugby heads to State Champs Saturday

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by Lindsay Jones '09
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College men's rugby football club is on their way to the New York State Division III Championships this weekend at St. Lawrence University, after ousting Excelsior Eastern Division III rival, Paul-Smith's College, from the semi-final match last Saturday. The Bobcats (4-0) fell to the Hamilton Exiles 22-12.

The Bobcats, who earned home-pitch advantage with their undefeated league record, welcomed the Exiles to the Adirondacks with a few inches of new snow on the ground from the season's first snow-fall. Despite the cold weather, Co-Captain Dylan Prime '07 fired up the offense, scoring a try early in the game. Prime, who is no stranger to North Country weather of this nature, propelled the Exiles past the opposing defense after only the first scrum of the game. Brendan Campbell '09 successfully converted the conversion kick on Prime's try. Lars Margolis '09 and Jesse Stromwick '09 both contributed tries to the Exile's offense. Hamilton's uncompromising defense crushed the Bobcat's late attempts at tying the game.

Much like their female counterparts, the Exiles have been consistently dominating their opponents throughout the season. As a member of the New York State Rugby Conference, the Exiles play against high-caliber Division III teams from throughout western New York. Their opponents include Niagara University, SUNY Oswego, Rochester Institute of Technology and St. John Fisher College.

The Exile's strong play in Saturday's playoff match-up against Paul Smith's College was no different than their performances during other match-ups earlier in the season. Hamilton tested out their new squad early in September, in Canton, NY. The Exiles dominated two pre-season games against Clarkson University and St. Lawrence University, winning 26-3 and 25-5, respectively.

The winning did not stop there, as the Exiles won their next two league contests. On Saturday, September 16, the Exiles hosted Rochester Institute of Technology. Hamilton's defense allowed only five points, as they led the team to its third consecutive victory. The Exiles defeated the Tigers 8-5 for their first league win.

The streak would continue through the next weekend, when the Exiles hosted SUNY Oswego for another league game. With another solid performance, the men's team earned another convincing victory, beating their opponents 27-10.

The Exiles were stopped for the first and only time this season by the Purple Eagles of Niagara University. The game, which was played on October 7, in Niagara Falls, NY, ended the men's unbeaten streak at four games. Despite having many scoring opportunities, Hamilton scored only 11 points in the contest, compared to Niagara's 17.

The Hamilton ruggers rebounded from their only loss, last weekend, when they hosted St. John Fisher College. The Exiles completely controlled the game, scoring 51 points, and only giving-up 10 points to their opponents.

The Exile's winning record and dominant play this season can be attributed to many factors, according to Co-Captain Jon Milgrom '08: "Our success this year is a real testament to the depth of this team…Our wing play has been great. Lars Margolis has scored at least once in six of seven games this season, and Brendan Campbell's kicking has been on the spot." Milgrom also cited the team's talented rookie class; led by Ash Wall '09, Jack Dunn '10, Colden Prime '10, and Robbie Lawrence '10; as key components to the team's strong performances.

With the regular season behind them, and one playoff win under their belts, the men's rugby team is poised and prepared to head into this weekend's pivotal game. It is redemption time for the Exiles, as they will play undefeated Niagara University for the State title. The team will rely heavily on senior co-captain Prime in this weekend's final game. "Dillon Prime has had an outstanding year. His leadership both on and off the field [has been] a guiding force, without which, we would not have made it to the State Championships," Milgrom praised.

Both the men's and women's rugby teams will be traveling to SLU this Saturday, October 28, to compete for their respective state titles. The women's team will be playing St. Bonaventure. Both games are scheduled for 11 a.m. Good luck to both teams!

Women's crew heads to Head of Schuykill Regatta

by Ezra Rosenberg '10
Sports Writer

On Sunday October 22, the Women's Crew team faced their biggest test of the fall training season when they participated in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Massachusetts. The Continental's varsity eight was in the water for what is the world's largest crew regatta.

The women's varsity eight finished 25th out a massive field of 57 collegiate entrees. Head Coach Eric Summers described the showing as a successful result in what is considered an extraordinarily difficult course. Co-Captains Brie O'Reilly '07 and Kate Pallin '07 were enthusiastic about their finish because the Continentals finished eight places higher than in last year's event.

Hamilton's varsity eight finished with a time of 18:12. Ivy League powerhouse Yale University won the Head of the Charles Regatta in 17:05.

The Charles River poses a difficult task because it is narrow, has many bends and is full of bridges that serve as significant obstacles through which teams must navigate. The fall regattas are headraces and are different from the standard straight course, which has lanes for each boat, and has a synchronized start. The headrace is much more challenging because it is longer, the crew is not confined to a lane, and has more variables to navigate, including other shells.

The water current and blustery wind conditions made for an even more difficult event and Hamilton's finish all the more impressive. The team's 25th place finish in a time of 18:12 put Hamilton right around many of their competitors and in front of others.

The varsity eight beat Wesleyan University by almost 50 seconds, Vassar by 29 seconds, and rival St. Lawrence University by 40 seconds. Colgate University finished in 18:04, eight seconds ahead of the Continentals.

Hamilton also decisively beat a perennial rival Union College by 1:39. Pallin was especially excited about passing Union, "Passing Union in the first 1000 meters was a huge accomplishment. We showed them how much stronger we are. It is no longer a question when we meet them of who is going to win."

Also, notably the women's team finished seven seconds behind Hobart & William Smith. On Saturday October 14, at the Hobart & William Smith Challenge on the Canal in Geneva, NY William Smith had beaten Hamilton by 41 seconds. The Continentals successfully closed the gap on a team they hope to see again at the ECAC National Invitational Collegiate Regatta, for which Hamilton is looking to qualify for the third straight season.

The successful performance is attributed to a strong group effort and flawless steering by experienced coxswain Kate Brandli '07. The varsity eight at the Charles featured six returning upperclassmen and two freshmen that will certainly be looking to continue making an impact come the spring.

This year's team is highlighted by a large number of incoming freshmen with experience. Coach Summers described his team, stating, "We have a good group of juniors and seniors mixed with freshmen that already have high school rowing experience." Of the 14 players that constitute the varsity squad, Summers said five will likely be freshmen.

This coming weekend, the women will head down to Philadelphia for the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. This event is the first and only race of the fall where the novice rowers on the squad will get their first chance to row competitively.

The course is much easier compared to the Charles because it is wider, straighter and has fewer bridges.

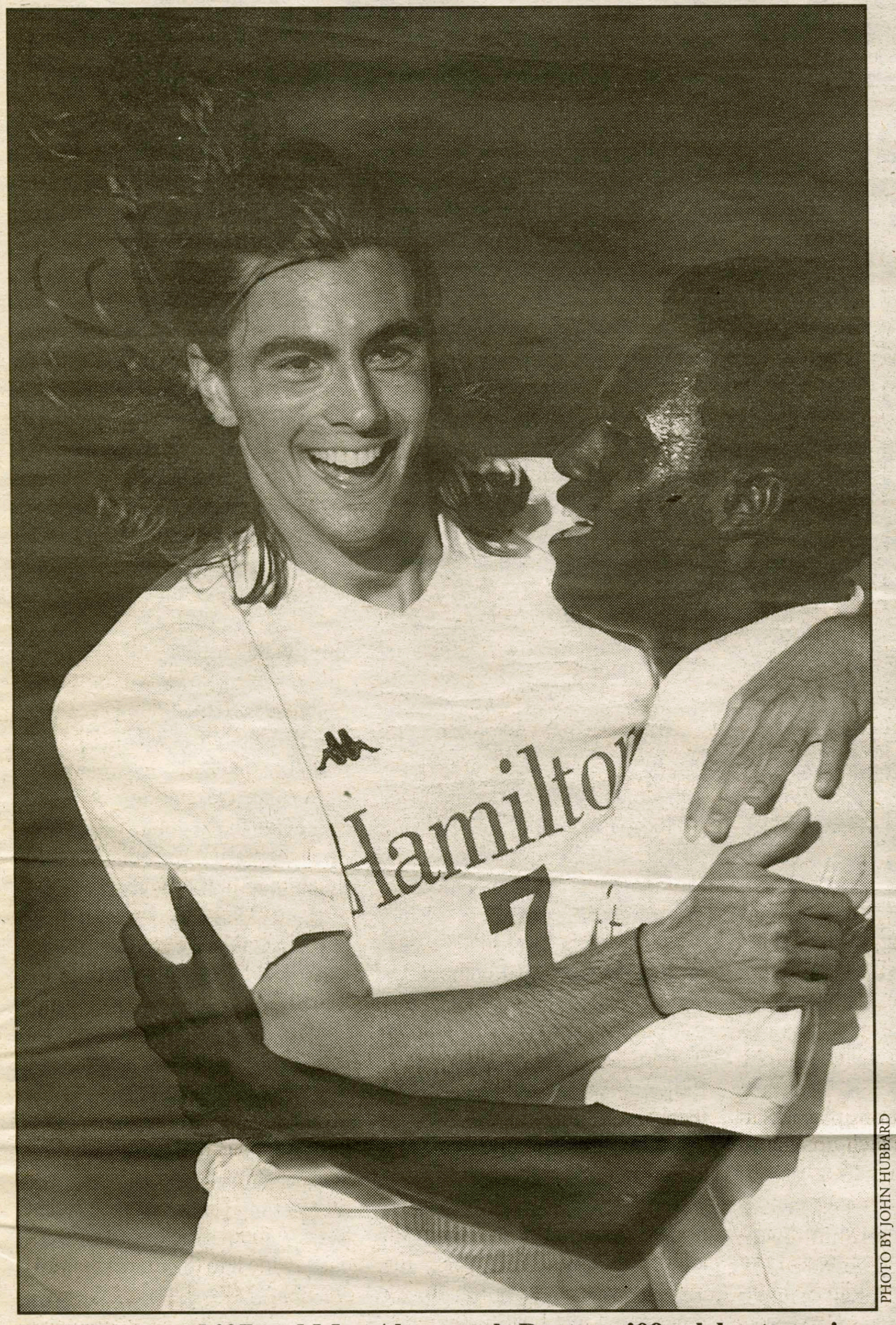
Summers will be mixing up the lineups for the Schuylkill. The varsity eight will feature all returning upperclassmen, the next eight will have all five experienced freshmen grouped together, and the other boats will consist of novices.

This race is a great opportunity for the team to gain on water experience. The expectations are not as high, but the race still allows the women to learn about their spring team judging by these rowers' performances.

Pallin pointed out that this weekend's race will be exciting because Hamilton will be competing against a whole different set of opponents. Pallin feels that her team will be able to stack up against them without a problem and is quick to point out, "This is one of the strongest boats of which I have ever been a part."

Men's soccer to host Liberty League Champs

Marks first time team has hosted Championships; Rogan breaks Hamilton scoring record



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Ian Hildebrand '07 and Max Akuamoah-Boateng '09 celebrate a win.

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Writer

What began as a pre-season dream has become a reality for the Hamilton men's soccer team. The Continentals' success last weekend brought them above and beyond their original goals. Wins over Union and Skidmore not only allowed Hamilton to *make* the conference tournament for the fifth year running, but to actually *host* it for the first time in the program's history.

The low temperatures produced relatively low attendance as Hamilton took on Union on a snow-covered Love field last Friday afternoon. Ian Hildebrand '07 scored the first point. Union's only true shot on goal was sophomore Trevor Clarkson's one save for the game.

Union however, gained a goal when a Hamilton defender kicked the ball into his own goal. Not to be deterred, defenseman Brian Marcantonio '09 came up huge and put in an unassisted goal with only 7:28 remaining in the game. Keeper Mark Garcia '10 saw his first playing time of the season as he closed out the second half of the game in goal. An important Liberty League victory, the win put Hamilton's league record at 5-1.

Last Saturday's game against Skidmore brought a much larger crowd to Love field. Neither team was able to put points on the board, or even to get quality shots. The game seemed to be headed for overtime until Greg Rogan '07 brought the crowd to their feet, scoring unassisted with a mere 3:54 remaining. Trevor Clarkson '09 recorded his first shutout with one save.

Rogan's goal not only put him in first place in Hamilton history for career points, but also clinched the Liberty League regular season title. He was also honored by the Liberty League as Co-Offensive Performer of the Week.

Because Hobart tied Union, Hamilton's win over Skidmore catapulted them to first in the league standings, and awarded them the privilege of hosting the Liberty League Championship tournament for the very first time. Additionally, Hamilton is ranked ninth in the northeast region in the most recent coaches poll.

Tomorrow's non-league regular season closer against SUNY Geneseo is sure to draw a number of fans as visiting family members flock to campus for Parent's Weekend.

The following weekend, Hamilton plays host to number three St. Lawrence and number two Hobart, and takes on number four Skidmore in the Liberty League Conference Championship semifinals. The winners of those two games play each other Saturday, November 4 for the championship title.

St. Lawrence enters the tournament with a record of 8-5-2. The team has been led by Axel Galeano '07, who has had 10 points this season. Emilio Coletta '09 allowed 10 goals.

Hobart, the two-seed, relies upon its strong sophomore class. Dan Riso '09 leads the team with 15 points. Pete Van Dellon '09 and Phil DaCosta '09 share goal. Van Dellon started nine games and allowed three goals. DaCosta started seven games and allowed seven goals.

Hamilton's match-up with Skidmore will be great. Led by Van Haskell '07 with 25 points this season, Skidmore is an offensive force to be reckoned with. Colin Minte '07 is second om the team for points with 15 this season. Jake Denson '07 starts in goal for the Thoroughbreds, and has allowed 11 goals this season.

Look for Hamilton men's soccer to continue their success on Love Field this weekend and next!

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Women's soccer clinches League play-off berth

Slated to face rival Union in first game; team will rely on both defense and offense for their success

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Sarah Felder '07 escapes a Hartwick defender earlier this season.

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Caitlin McGilley '08 and the women's soccer team bounced back to earn back-to-back victories after their early season three-game winning streak and six-game unbeaten streak was broken by Liberty League rival William Smith College. The Lady Continentals, who have been on the road for their last six consecutive games, came home with three wins, one tie, and a devastating duo of losses to Liberty League opponents.

Following their loss to William Smith College, the Lady Continentals traveled north to Potsdam, NY, on October 6, to face off against Clarkson University. Hamilton's offense reasserted itself as a dangerous scoring threat, pounding Clarkson's defense with four goals. Erica Dressler '09 shone for the lady Continentals once again this season, as she notched a goal and an assist in the contest. Her goal, which was scored early in the first half of play, was Dressler's fifth this season. Eileen Fisher '07, Megan Brousseau '08 and Katie Mann '10, each contributed to the scoring effort. These goals marked Fisher's 24th career goal, and Brousseau's third goal in the last five games! Emma Slane '08 and Kendra Wulczyn '10 were also credited with assists. Without having to make a save, McGilley recorded her sixth shut-out in eight games, bringing her goals against average down to .49 in 735 minutes.

Coming off of their win against Clarkson University on Friday afternoon, the Lady Continentals battled St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY. With momentum from the previous day's win on their side, the women's soccer team claimed another on-the-road victory, outlasting the Saints in a defensive contest. Fisher scored the lone goal late in the second half, in a game that appeared to be heading towards overtime. This was Fisher's 25th career goal, which tied her for fourth place on Hamilton's all-time career points list, with 63. It was no surprise that McGilley came through with another scoreless game in net, as she made three saves in the second half to secure the victory. Notably, McGilley executed a game-saving challenge against a St. Lawrence offender that had beaten Hamilton's defense. This shut-out win was McGilley's seventh in nine games.

On October 10, the Continentals were on the road again versus Utica College, but this time, a little closer to home. The local rivals played to a 0-0 tie, which was Hamilton's second scoreless game this season. The first was recorded against Rochester Institute of Technology on September 13. McGilley and the regionally-ranked women's team added another tally to the shut-out column, notching their eighth shut-out this year. Although Hamilton dominated offensively, with more shots on net and corner kicks than their opponent, they were unable to net a goal in the contest.

With the first three games of their road-trip decided, the lady Continentals had a lot to be excited about, with two league wins and a non-league tie. Upon the announcement of the weekly Liberty League award winners, the team had even more to be proud of. Fisher was named a co-Offensive Performer of the Week while Brousseau was named co-Defensive Performer of the Week laurels for women's soccer.

The women's soccer team continued their on-the-road unbeaten streak, when the traveled to Elmira, NY on October 14. Sarah Felder '07 and Nicole Tetreault '08 led the offensive assault, as the lady Continentals blanked Elmira College 2-0. The goals, which were both scored in the second half, marked the third goals for both scorers this season. Caroline Miller '09 was also credited with an assist. McGilley came through with another shut-out performance with four saves, making this her ninth this season. She dropped her goals against average to .35 in more than 1,025 minutes, and she rose to 19th in Division III in goals against average. Due to her impressive play in net, confirmed by these statistics, McGilley was named Defensive Performer of the Week by the Liberty League. She was also honored by the Eastern College Athletic Conference, which selected her as the Division III Upstate Region Defensive Player of the Week for women's soccer.

As deserving as she is of these honors, McGilley does not take all of the credit for the team's record number of shut-outs and overall success this season. "The defense has been phenomenal. I couldn't think of a better group of girls to have in front of me, and they never get any credit for the hard work they put in. Our team would be lost without Ali Grant, Caitlin Lortie, Megan Brousseau, Phoebe Potter, and Laura Stirrat," McGilley gloats of her teammates.

Their four game on-the-road shut-out streak would end at Elmira College. The lady Continentals traveled to Schenectady, NY, on October 20th to play a critical game against Liberty League opponents, Union College. Though, she made four saves in the contest, McGilley's four-game shut-out streak came to an end late in the second half on Friday, as the Dutchwomen would go on to win 1-0.

The women's soccer team could not recover from Friday's loss when they played Skidmore College in their final league contest of the season. The Lady Continentals were dealt their second 1-0 loss in two days, as they fell to Skidmore in overtime. McGilley made five saves in the losing effort. Going into the weekend, McGilley was ranked 14th in Division III with .35 goals against average.

The Hamilton women's soccer team clinched their fifth consecutive berth into the league championship tournament during their last two weeks of league play. The Lady Continentals will play one more regular season game this Saturday, October 28, against SUNY Oneonta on Love Field at 2 p.m. Tournament play begins on November 3, when Hamilton takes on Union College, in what is sure to be an all-out battle for the league's highest honors. The Lady Continentals will look to their offense, and their defensive back-bone, Caitlin McGilley, who allowed just six goals all season, to propel them through tournament play.

"We can't beat Union if we don't put the ball in the net. It is as simple as that. We need to take more shots. We can't win if we can't score, and we can't score if we don't shoot," McGilley responded when asked about the tournament match-up against Union. "Our team has a lot of heart, but all the heart in the world is not going to bring home a championship. We need to show up against Union ready to fight. If we leave it all on the field, then we will be headed back to the NCAA Tournament... It's about time we get it done."

This weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 10/27:
Volleyball v. Tufts

Saturday 10/28:
Crew (M&W) @ Head of Schuylkill Regatta (Philadelphia)
X-C (M&W) @ NESCACs (Connecticut College)

Soccer (M) v. SUNY Geneseo
Football v. Williams
Volleyball v. Middlebury

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